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## People at heart of nation's defense

WASHINGTON, (AFPS) Feb. 12, 2001

National defense all comes down to people, President George W. Bush said. "Peace is earned by strength, and strength begins with the men and women who wear the uniform," Bush said Feb. 10 during his radio address to the nation. "New weapons and technologies are important, but they are only as effective as the people who use them."

This is the heart of the Bush defense proposals. During the 2000 presidential campaign, Bush promised to raise pay or service members. He vowed to provide targeted bonuses for service members with special skills and to renovate or build new housing.

Bush said the military must improve the quality of training. "Shortfalls on the moving ground become disasters on the battlefield," he said during a speech at the Citadel military college in

Charleston, S.C., in September 1999.

Now Bush is elected and it is up to his national security team to translate his promises into programs. Some of these actions will be immediate, others must wait.

*'Peace is earned by strength'*

- President George W. Bush

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will lead a team examining national security and national defense. He appeared on Fox News Sunday Feb. 11 to speak of the process.

"(Fulfilling defense changes) may indeed mean more money," Rumsfeld said. "The president of the United States has indicated that he intends to have a \$1 billion-plus pay increase for the men and women of the armed services."

Other changes must wait on the completion of a defense strategy review. Rumsfeld said the review is important not only to get more funds for DoD, but to ensure the funds are spent wisely.

"What it means is, the president decided to engage our brains rather than just open the taxpayers' wallets," he said. The review will allow Rumsfeld to examine the state of the military then go to the president with recommendations setting priorities.

Part of that review is quality of life issues for the men and women of the armed services, Rumsfeld said. "We



The primary job of the First Lt. Division is not only picking up trash on the NAS Jax, but to also to maintain a nice environment. They have had a part in many of the restoration programs.

## NAS First Lt. Division tackles varied duties

By JO3 Jackey Bratt

Staff writer

As you look around Naval Air Station Jacksonville, you may notice the beautiful grounds that are kept clean and free of trash by our First Lt. Division. You may think that that's all the First Lt. Division does, but your perception is far from the truth.

"We do pick up trash around the base because that is part of our job, but we are base maintenance, we are involved in a number of activities," said EM1 Henry McDonald, leading petty officer, First Lt. Division, NAS Jax.

Although the Sailors in the First Lt. Division are from various rates and no one is a specialist in base maintenance, the job at hand always gets done.

From cutting down brush at the shoreline cleanups held twice a year, to maintaining the beauty of the golf course, the First Lt. Division is not shy of hard work. They are often seen around the base cleaning, installing, building, or fixing. They diligently work to get a job

done. Last summer, they worked for a month to install sprinkler systems at the base pool and now are working on the installation of sprinkler systems at the NAS Brig.

Sailors fan out across the base and work on the projects assigned to them.

HT2 Scott Geemman, OSSN Matthew Pate, and PO2 John Lovely work hard to chip trees around the golf course while, CE1 Carlos Johnson installs more lights at Heritage Park.

First Lt. Division also assisted in the renovation of Liberty Cove, the renovation of the PRT center, and built the fitness and nature trail.

The First Lt. Division built the beautiful display of flowers and the entrance to the NAS Jax RV Park. They are also in charge of the base theatre, scheduling speaking events.

Their next project involves trimming the trees around the Navy Lodge since that job is not part of the contractor's job.

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resident George W. Bush

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Meet a Sailor... PN2 Devanan Sookram



**Job title/command:** Assistant Secretary for Maintenance Officer AIMD  
**Hometown:** Tampa, Fla.  
**Past duty stations:** Lemoore, Calif.  
**Hobbies:** Reading, running, and racing cars.  
**Family Life:** Wife; Tracy, son; Christopher; 11 yr.  
**Career plans:** To get degree in business and own my own establishment

**Most interesting experience:** Going on deployment and seeing how others live.

**Words of Wisdom:** "Use the Navy for your education. It's very cheap."

Meet a Civilian... Richard Horne



**Job title/command:** Program Analyst, CNRSE  
**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Fla.  
**Past duty stations:** Came from FISC in 2000  
**Hobbies:** Work out three to four times a week.  
**Family life:** Wife, Ruby, daughter, Michelle, 26, son, Phillip, 18  
**Career plans:** "To keep having fun!"

**Most interesting experience:** "Various Army Reserve assignments. I was in jump status for more than 10 years."

**Words of wisdom:** "A good night's sleep solves most of life's problems."

Bush: addresses defense issues

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have put that in motion," he said. "The focus has to be on the quality of life for the people, the people are the heart of the armed services. Without the men and women we are able to attract and retain to man the forces, then we really don't have a national defense."

Rumsfeld said the review would address readiness as a quality of life issue as well as one of new equipment. "If you have a force that has to cannibalize equipment to keep some portion of it operational, that's not good for morale," he said.

The review will also check the missions of the military and ensure the United States can defend against new and emerging threats. "There is still a lot of rhetoric that sounds like the Cold War," Rumsfeld said. He said he still hears people use "'Cold War-think' words" like "massive retaliation" and "strategic nuclear exchanges."

"The concern for the United States today is not a massive nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is gone, it doesn't exist," Rumsfeld said. "Russia is there and that is a very different thing than the Soviet Union. We don't expect a massive attack across the North German Plain with tanks and artillery and that sort of thing."

So the military must reconfigure to meet these threats. Rumsfeld said a quicker, more agile military is needed.

But the United States also must develop a range of defenses against asymmetrical attacks, he said, "so we can effectively deter and defend against threats that are new and emerging and are quite different than massive land or air wars, or nuclear exchanges."

He said the Persian Gulf War proved to countries hostile to the United States that it is not a good idea to directly challenge Western armies, navies or air forces. Terrorism, cruise missiles, ballistic missiles, cyberwarfare, information warfare are all cheaper than land wars, and the technologies are already available, he said.

"The United States has to recognize these emerging threats and see that these are arranged so we are not vulnerable to terrorist or nuclear blackmail," he said.

Facing this broad range of threats, a Cold War standby — the idea of deterrence — has to change. Whereas deterrence meant deterring a nuclear attack, today it must deter a range of threats.

"The goal isn't to win a war," Rumsfeld said. "The goal is to be so capable of winning a war that you don't have to fight it. You dissuade and deter people from engaging in mischief they otherwise might do."

Some form of missile defense is needed, and it also will be part of the review, he said. "With the end of the Cold War, proliferation has spread these technologies of weapons of mass destruction around the globe," he said. "Any president looking at his responsibility as commander-in-chief would have

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— Defense Secretary  
Donald H. Rumsfeld

to say that a policy designed to keep the American people totally vulnerable does not make much sense."

Rumsfeld will examine a system to defend the United States from a "relatively small number of ballistic missiles with weapons of mass destruction — regardless of whether the launch was accidental, unintentional or intentional."

He said such a system threatens no one and it should be of concern to no one. The only people who should be concerned about missile defense are those countries or organizations who intend to attack their neighbors. He said the United States would consult with allies and friends around the world about the system.

He said missile defense ought to be deployed at the time that makes the most sense and when the technology evolves.



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# African-American/Black History Month Luncheon February 22

Bridgette Hogan a talented singer, actress, writer and poet is a featured part of the entertainment for this years African-American/Black History Month Luncheon, Feb. 22, at the Officer's Club, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hogan is a native of New York; she is the former host of Neena's Lounge and contributing writer to Voice magazine. In May, she played

"Mom" in the theatrical production "Cross Examination," written and directed by David Pugh. She recently published her first book of poetry, "Journey Down Life's Path - Lessons Learned the Hard Way." Currently, she is the spoken word host at The Abyss Urban Jazz Lounge.

The guest speaker for luncheon is former Congressional Candidate Jennifer Carroll. Carroll was one of several GOP candidates who addressed the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia last sum-

**Jennifer Carroll**

mer. Recently Jennifer Carroll was the Republican Candidate for the 3rd Congressional District of North Florida and is now considering an offer by the Bush, Cheney administration for a cabinet position on their staff.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Raines High School Gospel Choir, and solo's by PN1 Dana Short (HS-3) and PN2 Mable Jones (PSD Jax).

The Luncheon will also feature the announcement of the Trivia Contest Winners and a wonderful display of African/American Art.

This year's luncheon is the one not to be missed; it promises to be enjoyable with an enlightening and powerful message. Tickets are now on sale for \$10.

For ticket information contact AMCS Penn (542-3451), Delvory Hall (542-2802) or TM1 Smith (542-3012). The deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, Feb. 20.

## Jacksonville Naval Air Station Association seeks new members

The Jacksonville Naval Air Station Association (Jax NASA) continues to fight the good fight on behalf of civilian personnel employed onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Jax NASA President Barry K. Adams and members of the Association were the driving force behind the celebration held on Jan. 13, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds in recognition of the Honorable Tillie Fowler for her service.

Jax NASA is a Chamber of Commerce style organization that works on behalf of civilian employees and provide a voice in Washington, DC to the members of Congress, the Department of Defense (DoD) and Navy officials. According to Adams Association representatives, as part of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, attend the Chamber's annual Washington trip to provide input on behalf of its membership and the Navy community. Jax NASA works to move, change or influence legislation that could have an impact n its membership.

Adams says that Jax NASA works closely with civic leaders, the Mayor's office, the Chamber of Commerce, universities and other organizations to keep Jacksonville a Navy town.

Jax NASA is currently conducting its annual membership drive, which will continue through the month of April. Adams said that as a member of Jax NASA, you will have the opportunity to take an active role and have a strong voice in shaping the decisions that affect your job. Members are also eligible to enroll in a comprehensive dental insurance program which Adams said is very successful with current members. Jax NASA members are also offered access to legal assistance through a local law firm and discounts from area businesses. The total dues for one-year membership in Jax NASA is \$10. For more information on Jax NASA and its membership drive, log on to the Jax NASA website at [www.jaxnasa.org](http://www.jaxnasa.org).

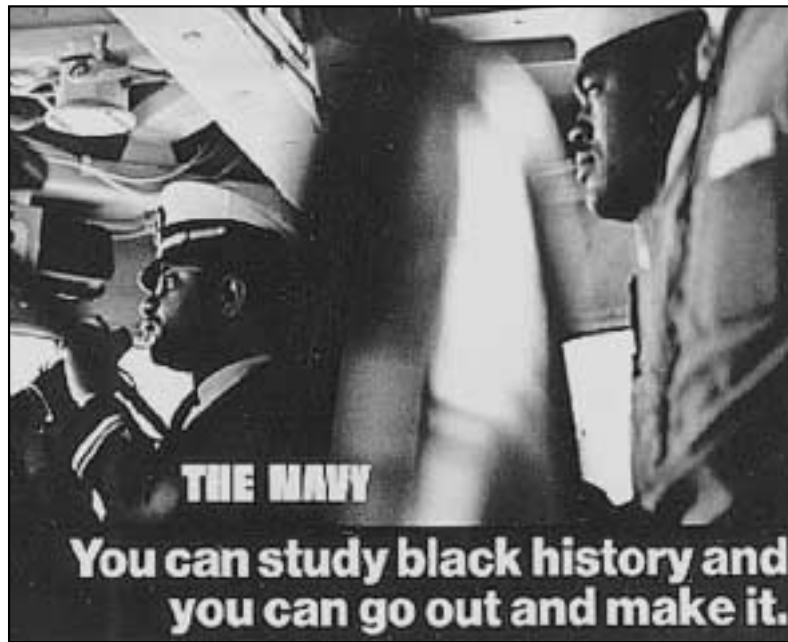
## Hospital drinking water interruption notice

Due to required utility repairs and water testing, Naval Hospital Jacksonville will be under a 48-hour Boil Water Notice from Saturday, February 17th to Tuesday, February 20th.

During that time, WATER SHOULD NOT BE CONSUMED OR

INGESTED from drinking fountains and ice machines. Bottled water will be provided to patients for consumption during that time.

For more information, please contact the hospital's Facilities Department by calling 542-7593.



## How well do you know African-American/Black History facts?

Here's the African-American/Black History trivia quiz. Enter and test your knowledge! All entries must be received no later than Tuesday, Feb. 20 and should be placed in the marked box at the main entrance to the Navy Exchange. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entrants having the most correct answers during the African-American/Black History Month Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 22. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winners. Multi-Cultural Awareness Committee members and their families are not eligible to compete. Answer will be printed in the Feb. 22 edition of "Jax Air News". For more information, contact AMCS Raymond Penn (542-3451/52) or TM1 Orlando Smith (542-3011/12)

1. Name the former Naval Air Station Jacksonville Naval Officer that was the Republican Candidate for the 3rd Congressional District of North Florida?
2. What year did John Lee become the U.S. Navy's first black commissioned officer?
3. The Republican Party organized to oppose slavery in what year?
4. Who was the first black admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy? What year?
5. What sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913?
6. When was the Congressional Black Caucus organized? (year and date)
7. Who was the first African-American nominated for an academy award for best actress of the year?
8. Name the first African-American to graduate from Westpoint in the 20th century.
9. Name the first African-American Naval Master Diver?
10. Who was the first black aviator in the U.S. Navy and the first black naval officer to lose his life in combat? During what War?
11. What city did David Dinkins

become the first African-American Mayor? What year?

12. Who is the all-time winningest coach in the NBA history?

13. Who was sworn in as the first African-American Congressman of Ohio?

14. In 1971 Samuel L Gravelly Jr. was the first black to do what in the U.S. Navy's?

15. Name the first African-American to serve as Secretary of State for the United States?

16. Name the African-American poet who, on March 26, 1953 was subpoenaed to testify before the McCarthy Committee on his radical past?

17. Which amendment allowed Thomas Peterson to become the first black to vote in the U.S. after its ratification?

18. Name the first black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize and for what work?

19. What was the name of the poem that Maya Angelou recited at former president Clinton inauguration?

20. Who was the black female anti-slavery activist that was allowed to meet with President Abraham Lincoln on October 29, 1864 just for moral support?

21. Name the Arctic explorer, whose long-term partnership with Robert E. Peary allowed them to discover the North Pole in 1909?

22. Name the African-American who established "Negro History Week" which is now called Black History Month in the United States?

23. Who did President G.W. Bush recently appoint to serve as the next chairman of the Federal Communications Commission?

24. Name the creator African-American comic strips Boondocks?

25. On March 13, 1984 this former member of the Harlem Globetrotter became the first African-American Mayor of what city?



# CNRSE names Sailors, Civilian of the Year

**By JO2 Misti Skidmore**  
*CNRSE Public Affairs*

Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) recently announced the winners for Staff Junior Sailor of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year, Civilian of the Year and Staff Sailor of the Year for 2000.



**PH2 Toiete Jackson displays her Navy Achievement Medal citation for her selection as CNRSE Junior Sailor of the Year.**



**CNRSE Civilian of the Year Jack Wetherington**

**Staff Junior Sailor of the Year**  
YN2 Christina Brown was selected as CNRSE's Staff Junior Sailor of the Year for 2000. Brown, the region's awards yeoman, provided outstanding technical knowledge and ability in processing over 600 Legion of Merits, Meritorious Service Medals and Flag Letters of Commendation for the 13 military installations throughout the region.. Additionally, Brown volunteered as a Positive Adult Leader for Students (PALS) at CNRSE's partnership school, West Riverside Elementary.

**CNRSE Junior Sailor of the Year**  
PH2 Toiete Jackson was named CNRSE's Junior Sailor of the Year for 2000. Jackson is stationed at the Regional Visual Information Support Center (RVISC) Jacksonville as the color print technician and production supervisor. As the color print technician, she was responsible for 80 percent of the total photographic production of the center. In addition, she ensured the operational reliability and quality control of all major photographic processing machines as the production supervisor.



**CNRSE Staff Junior Sailor of the Year YN2 Christina Brown**

**CNRSE Civilian of the Year**  
Jack Wetherington was chosen as CNRSE's Civilian of the Year for 2000. Wetherington, the CNRSE management analyst, was selected for his consistent and invaluable support dealing with manpower analysis and the tracking of over 5,563 positions in the Region's Competitive Sourcing Inventory. He consistently performed the workload of two management analysts. What's more, Wetherington devotes extensive time to the community serving as a referee for girls volleyball and softball at the middle school and high school level throughout the five area counties.

**CNRSE Staff Sailor of the Year**  
YN1 Debra Brock was honored as CNRSE's Staff Sailor of the Year for 2000. Brock, the region's administra-

tive department leading petty officer, supervised the day to day workload performed by her department. She supervised the processing of over a thousand pieces of correspondence and tracked over 300 tickler items and 2,000 personal awards.  
Brock assisted in the establishment of the command's first class association, raising over \$400 for a fallen shipmate and coordinated a "Toys for Tots" fund drive that resulted in great success, all while pursuing her degree in human resources management.  
For Brock the competition is not over yet. Next week, she will compete with the Sailors of the Year from the region's other installations for the CNRSE Sailor of the Year title. The winner of this award will go on to compete at the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet level.



**Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jan C. Gaudio presents YN1 Debra Brock with a CNRSE Staff Sailor of the Year plaque.**

# Crowe selected as 2000 ComPatReconForLant Staff Sailor of the Year

By **AWC Heath Averá**  
AMPO PAO

AW1(AW/NAC) William K. Crowe was selected as Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic (CPRFL) Staff Sailor of the Year for 2000. Crowe is assigned to CPRFL Detachment Advanced Maritime Projects Office (AMPO) here at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Crowe enlisted in the US Navy on July 15, 1985. After completing basic training in San Diego, Calif., he attended Naval Aircrewman Candidate school in Pensacola, Fla. and AW "A" school in Millington, Tenn. Upon completion of "A" school in March 1986, Crowe attended the P-3C Fleet Readiness Squadron (FRS) at Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Once complete with training, Crowe received orders to Brunswick, Maine based VP-8, deployed at the time to NAS Keflavik Iceland. After returning to Brunswick, Maine, he completed a four-year tour which included a Rota, Spain and Lajes, Azores deployment and another NAS Keflavik deployment.

From there, he transferred to Commander Patrol Wing (CPW) 5, Brunswick, Maine where he served as a Analysis watch section leader (ATOPS Level I) and Special Projects LPO. After Completion of his shore tour in May 1993, he returned to sea duty with the USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. During his three-year tour while serving as CV-ASWM Watch Officer, Crowe made several Persian Gulf cruises, and participated in several multi-national force exercises.

Upon transfer from USS Independence, Crowe went back to Jacksonville to attend the P-3C UIII FRS and received follow-on orders to VP-5. During his



AW1(AW/NAC) William K. Crowe

tour in VP-5, Crowe served as the LPO for the Command Information Systems Division and squadron Network Administrator, completing deployments to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico/Keflavik, Iceland and Sigonella, Sicily.

After transferring from VP-5, Crowe joined the AMPO team in March 1999 and is presently the Leading Petty Officer, CNO Project Beartrap Leading Petty Officer, Analysis Leading Petty Officer, and Automated Quick-Look (AQL) Petty Officer. Crowe's selection as Sailor of the Year was in recognition for his outstanding performance and selfless dedication to the accomplishment of AMPO's mission. His talent, knowledge, and leadership ability made him an invaluable asset to the CNO Special Projects mission, providing critical training and support to Project Beartrap and other special mission programs throughout the entire fleet.

Crowe is married to the former Rebecca A. Lowell of Topsham, Maine. and has two sons, Kevin Michael, 7, and Matthew Riley, 4. *Bravo Zulu on a job well done!*

## FIRE SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

### Yellow Water Family Housing Complex Home Fire Inspections begin March 1

The annual family housing fire inspection for residents living in Yellow Water Military Housing complex will be conducted by the NAS Jacksonville Fire Prevention Bureau beginning March 1. Initial Fire Inspections should be completed by the end of the second week. The remaining weeks of March will be used for call-backs to ensure every resident has been contacted and received their annual fire safety inspection and briefing.

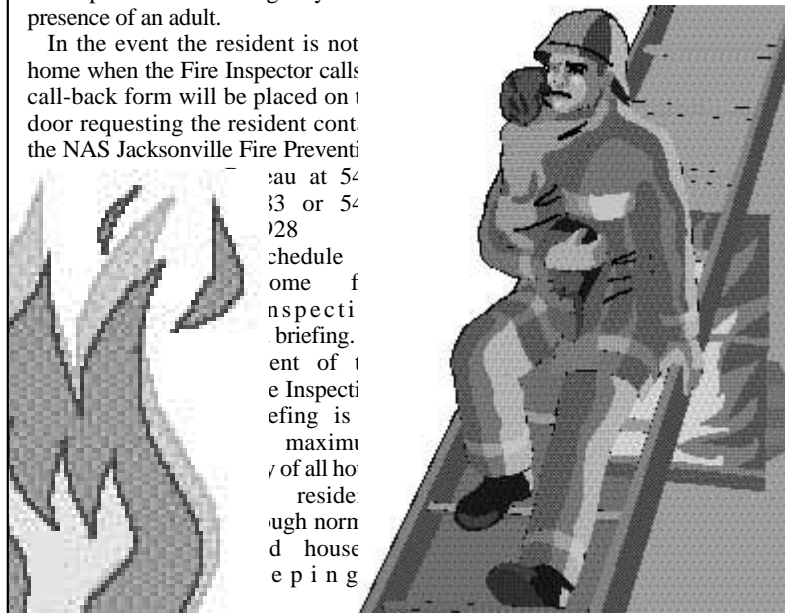
Inspections will be conducted during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fire Inspectors will be in NAS Jacksonville Fire Department uniform and will conduct the inspection and briefing only in the presence of an adult.

In the event the resident is not home when the Fire Inspector calls, a call-back form will be placed on the door requesting the resident contact the NAS Jacksonville Fire Prevention

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**Capt. Kimon Rumanes (right) and DTCM(SW) Barry Rainey (left) congratulate DT2(SW) Christopher Kuntz, Dental Center Southeast Senior Sailor of the Year (center left) and DT3 Miguel Diaz the Center's Junior Sailor of the Year (center right).**

## Naval Dental Center Southeast announces Sailors of the Year

**By Ensign Angela Webster**

DT2(SW) Christopher Kuntz and DT3 Miguel Diaz were selected as the Senior and Junior Sailors of the Year for Naval Dental Center Southeast. During a luncheon held at the NAS Jacksonville Officer's Club, Capt. Kimon Rumanes and DTCM(SW) Barry Rainey congratulated all of the nominees from the regions Branch Dental Clinics.

The competition was high and evaluating the candidates was a challenging process but these two fine petty officers outshone the rest and rightly deserve the honor of representing their command.

Kuntz is a Dental Repair Technician and Leading Petty Officer of the Dental Repair Division, Headquarters. He is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all den-

tal equipment of the 11 outlying Branch Dental Clinics in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Kuntz makes time to be active in his volunteer work for the command and civilian organizations and the pursuit of his Associate of Science Degree in Biomedical Equipment Engineering.

Diaz is the Assistant Leading Petty Officer and Administrative Petty Officer of the Branch Dental Clinic Jacksonville. Superbly handling all responsibilities, he was instrumental in the clinic's attainment of 95.6 percent operational dental readiness. An active member of the Command Color Guard Team, Diaz participates in numerous ceremonies and is a key player in organizing many MWR fundraising events. Congratulations to these fine individuals.

## Flyer promotes proper child safety seat use

In conjunction with Child Passenger Safety Week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a flyer providing guidance on seat selection, installation and inspection. It is available at NHTSA's web site, [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) under "4 Steps for Kids."

Drivers should read the material to ensure children are being transported safely and legally. Even the most safety-conscious parents are often unaware of the need for booster seats or the danger their children face when improperly restrained or

placed in an adult safety belt. A child's growth requires that restraints change to fit properly and provide the maximum protection.

Traffic crashes kill and maim people of all ages. They don't discriminate and are the number one killer of Sailors and Marines as well as children. Simply clicking the buckle of a seat belt into its receiver could make a tremendous difference. From FY98-00, 339 Navy and Marine Corps personnel were killed in four wheel vehicle mishaps. Forty-one percent were not wearing safety belts.

# Otwell is VP-5 Sailor of the Year

**By Lt. Matthew Thompson**  
VP-5 PAO

Aviation Electrician's Mate First Class (Air Warfare) John C. Otwell has been selected as Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 Sailor of the Year for 2000. A standout leader and preeminent aircraft maintenance expert, he was the clear choice from more than 300 squadron personnel. A model Sailor in every respect, Otwell is one of only four E-6s in VP-5 who have been entrusted with the special responsibility to release an aircraft as "Safe for Flight." On a daily basis, "Mad Fox" aircrew and maintenance personnel, officers and enlisted, rely on his principled leadership and unrivaled technical expertise.

Born in Tulia, Texas, Otwell commenced his Navy adventure in 1984 when he reported to Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif. Throughout the next 14 years, his assignments have sent him to each corner of the United States and VP deployments to Spain, Bermuda, Italy and Puerto Rico. He also served aboard the USS America (CV-67) and completed a tour at NAS Patuxent River, Md., where he supported the Navy's test pilot school and test and evaluation squadrons.

In April 1995, Otwell began his second tour with VP-5. He rapidly worked his way up to become Maintenance Con-



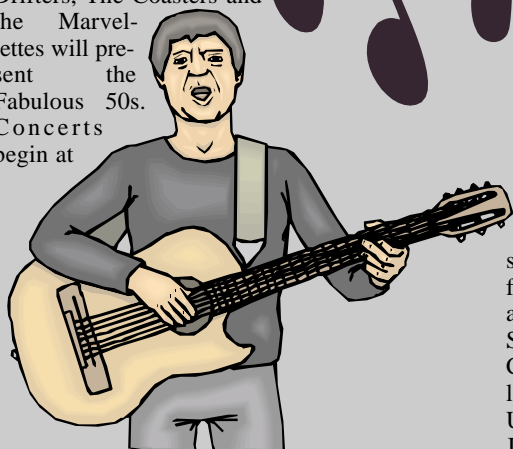
**AE1(AW) John C. Otwell**

trol Coordinator. Maintenance Control supervises the day-to-day maintenance production efforts and material readiness of every aircraft in the squadron's inventory. As a Maintenance Control Coordinator, Otwell directly leads the entire Maintenance Department in the execution of the daily flight schedule.

AE1 John Otwell has clearly set the "Mad Fox" standard for exemplary leadership and professional excellence. Congratulations Petty Officer John Otwell. *Well Done!*

## On the Go With USO

Silver Springs will host "Legends of the Opry" on Feb. 17, featuring Little Jimmy Dickens, Jack Greene, David Frizzell, Johnny Russell, Jeanne Pruitt and more. On Feb. 18, the Platters, the Drifters, The Coasters and the Marvellettes will present the Fabulous 50s. Concerts begin at



1 p.m. Purchase admission tickets at the USO for \$22. This includes all attractions at Silver Springs and the concerts. Contact JoAnn or Charlene at 778-2821 at the USO located at the NAS Jacksonville front gate.

# Navy participates in Ecosystem Learning Center dedication

**By Bob Nelson**

*CNRSE Environmental Public  
Affairs Officer*

A new learning center in Charleston, S.C., will soon illustrate the Navy's commitment to working in harmony with the marine environment and its ecosystems.

During a Feb. 5 ceremony, Navy representatives from Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), Naval Weapons Station Charleston (NWSCH), and Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division (SouthDiv), were present as "Coastal America" dedicated a new Ecosystem Learning Center at the South Carolina Aquarium in downtown historic Charleston. The aquarium is home to more than 10,000 creatures located within 60 exhibits showcasing the state's complete range of aquatic habitats.

Coastal America is a partnership among federal, state and local governments; and private alliances that addresses coastal environmental problems. The Coastal America Partnership, of which the Navy/Marine Corps team is a longtime member, has established a national network of these learning centers to raise public awareness of critical coastal issues and encourages involvement in activities that benefit coastal ecosystems. "Millions of people interested in coastal environments visit the centers each year," said Virginia Tippie, Coastal America's director. "We have centers from Hawaii to Florida which are key in shaping the way we think about our environment."

"Because our mission requires us to spend a majority of our time on and under the water, we work very hard to maintain an



**Capt. Steve Duba, from Commander, Navy Region Southeast, speaks with (left to right) Virginia Tippie, from Coastal America and Margaret Davidson from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, during the Feb. 5 dedication ceremony at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston as Dr. Chris Andrews from the Aquarium stands in the background.**

understanding of our marine environment," said Capt. Steve Duba during his remarks at the ceremony. Duba is the CNRSE program manager for facilities and environment and commanding officer, Public Works Center Jacksonville. "We take this as seriously as

protecting our nation's military interests, each and everyday."

Ms. Margaret Davidson, acting assistant administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), led the designation ceremony, which was attended by South Carolina Governor James Hodges, City of Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley, and members of the aquarium's board of directors and South Carolina legislature. Also in attendance were representatives from the departments of the Navy, Army, Agriculture,

Interior, Transportation and Commerce; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); local and state agencies; and friends of the aquarium.

As a token of the Navy's ongoing commitment to the partnership, Duba and Jerry Wallmeyer, CNRSE Deputy Program Manager for Environment, presented a framed "Saving Marine Life" poster, along with Navy educational videos, handouts, and brochures. The Office of Naval Research donated CD's containing whale calls, a complete list of

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# Walters follows father's footsteps into naval service

By JO2 Mike Jones

Assistant Editor

Commander Helicopter Anti-Submarine Wing Atlantic Weapons Officer Chief Warrant Officer Patrick A. Walters beams with pride when his Sailors advance in their Navy careers. He enjoyed an especially proud moment when he led his son, Jason, through the official oath and into naval service during a ceremony on base Feb. 1.

"I'm as proud as I could possibly be. I've never been more proud of him," Walters said. "I'm looking forward to watching him embark on his new career."

For Jason Walters, that career in naval aviation began Feb. 3 with 13 weeks of intensive training at Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Fla. "I've wanted to

do this my whole life. I grew up around this. It was an easy choice," he said. "It's going to be an adventure."

During the ceremony, Walters expressed the support he has for his son's career choice. "While I stand before you as a naval officer beaming with pride over this young man's decision to serve our great nation," he said. "As a parent, I stand before you feeling a loving father's hesitation because I'm swearing in my only son and sending him off on a career where I know there is real potential for him to end up in harm's way."

"He's lived as a Navy dependent his whole life," Walters said. "He'll do well. The only advice I had for him was to do his duty."

"Our household was a Navy household," Jason Walters said. "We were all proud to be a part of that."



Chief Warrant Officer Patrick A. Walters delivers the oath to his son, Jason during a ceremony Feb. 1.

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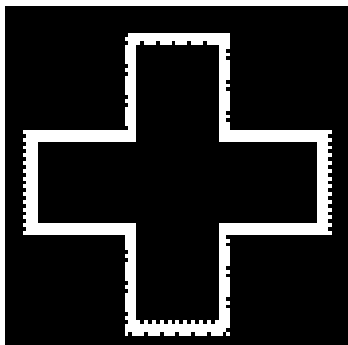
recent projects on Navy marine mammal research and they will add a link from their web site to the South Carolina Aquarium web site.

In addition, Capt. William Cook, NWSCH commanding officer, and Terrence Larimer, NWSCH natural resources specialist, attended the ceremony and committed to arranging tours of the station. "Visitors can see first hand how the Navy is working to preserve the delicate environment in the area," said Cook.

"The Navy is very proud to be an active partner in the Coastal America endeavor," said Duba. "It is important to the Navy that America's taxpayers depend on us to ensure our nation's security on the worlds oceans and shores, and that each taxpayer trusts we are accomplishing this mission in an environmentally sound way."

## Hospital Red Cross seeks volunteers

The Red Cross Volunteer Program at Naval Hospital Jacksonville needs help. If you have four hours a week or more available, the Red Cross needs you. Red Cross Volunteers work in many clinical and administrative areas in the hospital. For more information or to volunteer, contact the hospital's Red Cross Office at 542-7525.



## First Lt.: Varied jobs tackled

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Mulching is also available and free from the First Lt. Division. All that you have to do is request mulch and on occasion, they will deliver.

"Our goal is making NAS Jax the best looking base and having the best First Lt. Division in the Navy," said McDonald. He concluded, "We understand that paper may fly out of someone's truck, but to deliberately throw your trash on the ground?"

With your help, that goal can be accomplished. As a Sailor aboard NAS Jax it is your responsibility to keep this

base in the best looking condition possible. Littering is not only unpleasant, but becomes someone else's job.



A First Lt. Sailor puts finishing touches on the division's logo.

# Hey, Money Man!



## Hey, Money Man!

A couple of weeks ago you wrote about "credit life insurance" to cover a car loan and recommended that people who needed extra insurance should buy term life insurance instead. Your example said I could get \$20,000 for about \$15 a month. I checked with several insurance companies and found much better deals. The best one I found was with Navy Mutual Aid. Do you know anything about them?

## MoneyMan Sez:

Thanks for your call! Hey, Money-Man is not in the business of recommending specific insurance companies, but you are correct, there are a number of better deals than the example given in our previous article. We checked out Navy Mutual Aid and they are a great Association. Located at Henderson Hall in Arlington Va., the Navy Mutual Aid Association is a nonprofit, tax exempt, voluntary membership association of sea service personnel and their families. Once composed only of Navy and Marine Corps officers, it now serves all uniformed personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and other sea services. We found their fees to be comparable to SGLI and they offer numerous benefits. For more information you can call 800-628-6011 or visit their web site at [www.navy mutual.org](http://www.navy mutual.org).

## Hey, MoneyMan!

My daughter is graduating from high school in June and she wants to go to college. We have saved some money, but even state colleges are very expensive. Do you know where I should go for financial assistance?

## MoneyMan Sez:

You are smart to start planning early. College is

very expensive and there are a number of financial resources available. You should first check with your NMCRS office and ask about the Travers Scholarship and Loan Program. To qualify, a student must either be the unmarried dependent son or daughter of an active duty or retired Navy or Marine Corps service member, or the spouse of an active duty Navy or Marine Corps service member. All awards are based on financial need, in accordance with policies established by the Society's Board of Directors. Deadline is March 1, 2001. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education provides free information on Federal student aid. They can be reached on their web site [www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students) or you can call them at 800-433-3243. You also should contact Bob Wooten at our Navy College Office at 542-2477.

## Hey, MoneyMan!

I just transferred here from San Diego and my shop chief told me about the payday loans and cash advance places. We didn't have any of them in California and I can't believe they are legal in Florida. Why can't the government do something about them?

## MoneyMan Sez:

Well, guess what! They are everywhere and the number of outlets growing rapidly every day. According to a recent article in the San Diego Union-Tribune the payday loan industry has "exploded" in California and today California has over 2,000 payday lenders - more than the number of McDonalds and Burger Kings combined! One Cash Express store near the 32nd Street Naval Base, does 800 transactions and \$200,000 to \$250,000 in business a month! Their busiest days? The 1st and 15th - military paydays! Your chief is right on track and was looking out for your best interest when he warned you about these predators. Stay away from them! If you need money, try your NMCRS office or your credit union first!

*More questions? Call Hey, Money-man! at 778-0353.*



# IRS site answers military taxpayer filing questions

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Doing taxes if you are in the military can be confusing. What do you report as income? If you were stationed in Bosnia or Kosovo for three months or were aboard ship in the Med, how much of your pay is taxable? How are moving expenses treated?

The answers to these and many other tax questions unique to military service are on the Internal Revenue Service web site in the Armed Forces Tax Guide. Go to [http://www.irs.gov/forms\\_pubs/pubs/p3toc.htm](http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/pubs/p3toc.htm) and start reading.

The publication addresses a slew of military tax issues such as areas declared as combat zone exclusions and how to handle income earned by resident alien spouses. It lists what income is taxable and, more important, what is not. It lists exemptions and how to qualify for them. Service members can request an extension for filing an income tax return if they meet certain provisions. The publication tells how to apply.

Speaking of returns, the IRS this year lets you file electronically, free and directly. You still need compliant computer software and forms, but you don't need to file through a tax preparer or other middleman unless you choose. E-file instructions are available at [http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/elec\\_svcs/efile-ind.html](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/elec_svcs/efile-ind.html). Need forms? You can get those over the Internet at the IRS forms page at [http://www.irs.gov/forms\\_pubs/forms.html](http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/forms.html). Select a document format and then download all the forms you want. Need a form, but not sure which one? Go to a forms searcher at [http://www.irs.gov/forms\\_pubs/findfiles.html](http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/findfiles.html) and enter some key words. The search engine will point you to the right area.

How do you handle state taxes? The IRS forms page has a link to a state tax page prepared by

Federation of Tax Administrators, or go there directly by manually keying <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/forms.ssi>. Click "Local and State News" at the IRS site tree, [http://www.irs.gov/search/site\\_tree.html](http://www.irs.gov/search/site_tree.html), for links to individual state tax news pages and information about joint electronic federal-state tax filing.

States that also allow direct Internet tax filing include Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Vermont.

## Free tax assistance available at NAS Jax

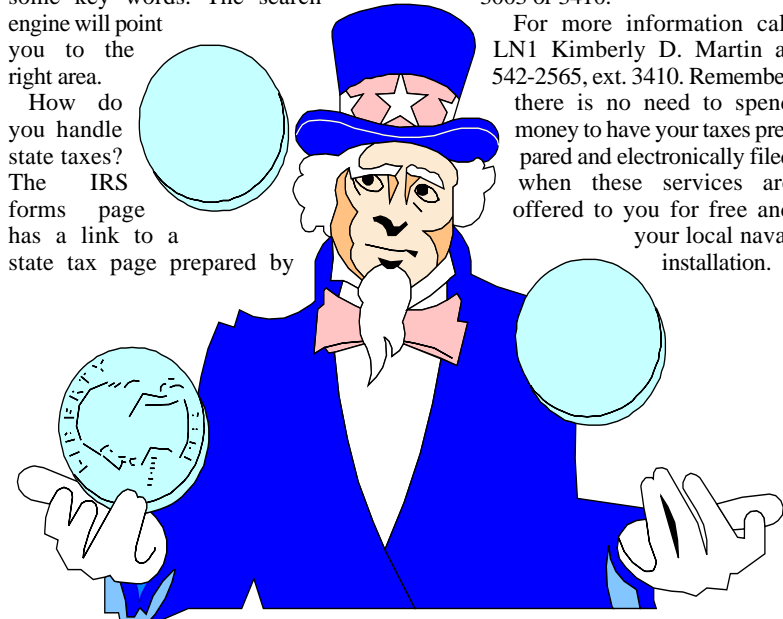
Free tax assistance in preparing and filing your taxes, including electronic tax filing, is available aboard NAS Jacksonville.

The VITA center at NAS Jacksonville is located in Building 610 across from Yesterday's Cafe and Vital Signs. The VITA Center will provide FREE tax preparation and filing services until April

16. The hours of operation for walk-ins are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Military in uniform have head of the line privileges from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily.

Command assist visits may be scheduled by contacting LNC (SW/AW) Jerald Sauls or LN1 (SW) Kimberly D. Martin at 542-2565, ext. 3003 or 3410.

For more information call LN1 Kimberly D. Martin at 542-2565, ext. 3410. Remember there is no need to spend money to have your taxes prepared and electronically filed when these services are offered to you for free and your local naval installation.



# Captain of United Airlines flight 232 recalls tragedy, shares lessons learned for VS-24 training programs

By **Lt.j.g. Scott Coker**  
VS-24 PAO

On the Jan. 11, the "Scouts" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24 were honored to host Al Haynes, the retired captain of famed United Airlines flight 232. As part of VS-24's robust Aircrew Coordination Training (ACT) program, Haynes provided a unique and insightful glimpse into the tragedy of that July day and some decisions made both inside and outside the cockpit that led to the saving of 184 lives.

A well-trained aviator, Captain Al Haynes started flying in 1952 in the United States Marine Corps. After four years of flying in the Corps, he left military service joining United Airlines as a flight engineer. In 1963, he was promoted to first officer and in 1985, Haynes became a Captain and flew Boeing 727 and DC-10's where he remained until his retirement in August 1991. Throughout his career, Al Haynes accumulated an incredible 27,000 flight hours.

On July 19, 1989, Haynes departed Denver on what should have been an otherwise normal United flight. Approximately an hour after takeoff, the aircraft's tail-mounted engine suffered a catastrophic failure which severed lines to all three hydraulic systems; an unlucky occurrence that engineers predicted would never happen. With severe uncommanded climbs and descents, the entire crew put their new Crew Resource Management (CRM) training to work. After exhausting all published maintenance and standard operating procedures they discovered that a total hydraulic failure was considered by engineers to be a

statistical impossibility, and therefore neither Boeing nor United had devised a procedure for the emergency. Falling back on their

CRM training (later to be incorporated in the Navy as ACT), the crew discussed and attempted numerous possible solutions discovering that with differential thrust they could steer the aircraft and dampen the altitude oscillations. After 45 minutes of struggling with the damaged, nearly out of control aircraft, the crew miraculously landed in Sioux City, Iowa. Although the aircraft broke apart after the extremely hard landing, the skill of Al Haynes and his crew cou-

pled with expert troubleshooting and communication skills resulted in 184 out of 294 passengers surviving.

The crash engineers and United Airlines attribute the high survival rate to many factors including luck, preparation/training by the entire crew (including flight attendants) as well as that of the Sioux City officials and Iowa National Guard. Because of the circumstances of this accident and others, the Navy and Marine Corps have instituted the use of Aircrew Coordination Training in order to maximize mission accomplishment while minimizing the chances of damage to multimillion dollar equipment or injury to highly trained aircrew and maintenance personnel. Captain Al Haynes' presentation to the "Scouts" demonstrated the importance of ACT in all flight regimes reinforcing the "Scout" maxim, "Safety first and foremost" resulting in 16,300 hours of mishap-free flying, proving, once again, that "Scouts Rule!"

## "Safety first and foremost"

- "Scout" maxim

# NCTS's Newman completes the final chapter of his naval service

By **IT2 Patrick M. King**  
NCTS Jax Public Affairs

ITC (SW) Glenn A. Newman, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Jacksonville leading chief petty officer (LCPO) for N3, completes the final chapter of his 22-year naval service when he retired Jan. 19 in a ceremony at the Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Newman is married to the former Robbin Lynn Sanders of Pontiac, Mich. They have three sons, Michael, 17, Kyle, 12 and Joshua, 10. They currently reside in Jacksonville, Fla. Newman was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Nov. 26, 1957. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1978 and attended boot camp in San Diego, Calif. from September 1978 to November 1978. After completion of basic training, Newman received orders to USS Semmes, homeported in Charleston, S.C. After serving six months on board as deck seaman, Newman was transferred to Radioman "A" school in San Diego and then International Morse Code Operator School in Charleston, S.C. He received his next orders to USS LUCE, homeported in Mayport, Fla. and served on board from January

1980 to September 1982.

After a 22-month stint in the civilian community, Newman reenlisted for six years and was assigned to Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. from August 1984 to May 1987. Once again it was time to go back to sea, so Newman packed his seabag and transferred to USS Comte De Grasse from August 1987 to June 1990. While on board, Newman earned his Surface Warfare Specialist Pin. Upon his successful tour on board his third destroyer, Newman then moved across the pier in Norfolk to Commander, Second Fleet staff from August 1990 to August 1992. It was while assigned to Commander, Second Fleet where he was selected to his current paygrade of Chief Petty Officer. It was finally time for shore duty and he was transferred to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Atlantic, Norfolk, Va. from August 1992 to August 1994.

Newman then took orders to his first overseas duty station, Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Due to the political situation in "GITMO," Newman along with the entire Fleet Training Group relocated to Mayport, Fla. under the new command of Afloat Training Group, May-

port Fla. In all, he was stationed at both training commands from September 1994 to March 1998. Newman closes the chapter of his career at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Newman has earned the following awards: Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and

Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Award (4), National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Battle "E" (two awards), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards) and Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (two awards).



ITC (SW) Glenn A. Newman and his wife Robbin Lynn are piped ashore at the close of Newman's retirement ceremony.

# NAVY NEWS

## NavAir orders inspection of all F/A-18 Hornets, A-D

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — Last week, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) ordered all Navy, Marine Corps and foreign sale F/A-18 A, B, C and D aircraft to be inspected for cracks in the attaching lugs of their Wing Fold Transmission systems prior to the aircraft's next flight.

This order was issued due to results of routine inspections being conducted as a part of the Integrated Maintenance Concept (IMC). These recent inspections have revealed corroded lugs on a number of aircraft and some fewer aircraft with lug cracks due to corrosion pitting.

This inspection, directed by NAVAIR, will take approximately one hour per aircraft, and all inspected F/A-18s with fractured lugs will be removed from flight status pending an engineering disposition and review. Aircraft will be inspected daily after the initial inspection. Preliminary inspections of 400 aircraft to date have resulted in the discovery of six aircraft with fractured legs. There are more than 750 F/A-18 A-Ds in the U.S. inventory. There is no impact on F/A-18 E/F aircraft.

*For more information on Naval Air Systems Command, go to the web at <http://publicaffairs.navair.navy.mil>.*

## CNO challenges recruiters with Navy's #1 priority

SAN FRANCISCO (NNS) — The Sailors of Navy Recruiting District San Francisco's 'Valley Zone,' in Fresno, Calif., received a visit from the Navy's most senior officer recently — and he came with a very important message for them, and all recruiters.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vernon Clark sat down with the recruiters at Naval Air Station Lemoore during his recent visit to California. The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, MCPON (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt, also accompanied the CNO on his visit.

The focus of the CNO's message to the recruiters was his "Top Five Readiness Priorities" — 1) Manpower; 2) Current Readiness; 3) Future Readiness; 4) Quality of Service; and 5) Alignment.

He stressed that these recruiters are at the forefront of his number one priority — manpower, which encompasses not only recruiting, but also retention and reducing attrition. According to Adm. Clark, they are the Sailors who are making the biggest impact on that today.

"The influence you all have on these young men and women plays a major role in their 'expectations' of the Navy," Clark said.

He spoke of the Navy's "War for People" and the challenges that our recruiters face in this time of economic

prosperity. In addition, the CNO mentioned the great influence they have on retaining the people they put in the Navy and reducing attrition. He reinforced that the recruiter is the Sailor's first contact with the Navy, and shapes what he or she can expect from their commitment to serve in the Navy. This is where he explained his fifth priority of alignment, which plays a key role in "making sure we keep our promises aligned with what we can deliver."

Recruiters shared with Adm. Clark feedback that they've received from some of the Sailors they've put in the Navy: the importance of honesty from recruiters; critical first-contact experiences at first duty stations; and taking care of Sailors every step of the way — many recruiters continue to counsel and stay in contact with the Sailors they put in the Navy long after bootcamp.

"Recruiting is definitely a lifelong cycle. It doesn't necessarily end when you ship the kid off to bootcamp," Storekeeper 1st Class Tiffany Burton explained.

Burton, the recruiter-in-charge of the Clovis, Calif., Navy Recruiting Station, said getting the chance to meet with the CNO was an honor, but more importantly — knowing that their efforts are among his top priorities.

"I think it really meant a lot to all of us to hear it straight from him, that what we're doing out here on a daily basis has a real impact on the entire fleet," Burton said.

MCPON Herdt also emphasized the importance of sharing the CNO's initiatives with these recruiters in the field — the Sailors who are the driving force behind the CNO's number one priority.

## Sailors have new options when dealing with detailers

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, Tenn., recently launched the Detailer Communications Initiative (DCI), a program that has significantly changed the enlisted detailing process and is designed to increase the communication between detailers and Sailors.

Under this new program, detailers will contact Sailors at 12 months prior to their projected rotation date (PRD) or end of active obligated service (EAOS). Detailers will listen to the Sailor's desires for orders and career intentions, and discuss any issues that could affect orders eligibility or screening, such as exceptional family members or financial problems. This conversation, ideally brokered by the Sailor's command career counselor, is designed to give the Sailor and his or her family a good idea of what type of duty to look for once they reach their nine-month negotiation window.

"I try to find out what their plans are," said BUC(SCW) Tom Kane, a Seabee detailer for the Builder, Engineering Aide and Steelworker ratings. "I have all their career path information on my screen when I call, and I can answer any questions they might have on the spot."

Although the program is barely off the ground, Kane says he's placed 12-month calls to more than 100 of the 3,100 Sailors he's responsible for detailing.

At 10 months before PRD or EAOS, a short orders preparation checklist is sent to the Sailor via message, reminding them to discuss possibilities with their family, update their Page 2 dependent information, and to contact the detailer at the nine-month window. At the nine-month window, the Sailor should screen orders possibilities on BUPERS Access (<http://www.bupers.navy.mil>) on the view-only JASS program, and call the detailer to discuss the orders they're interested in. A formal application for the orders is then made by the command career counselor on JASS, and if selected, the orders are written.

"DCI forces us to listen," said Rear Adm. Hamlin Tallent, assistant chief of naval personnel for distribution. "It's not about us getting a list of jobs and trying to get a Sailor to do what we want; it's about listening to them. The goal is 100 percent contact, to find out what they want, what their spouse wants, and their career needs, and how that fits into the Navy manning picture."

The program was conceived and developed in PERS-40 over the summer, and has been in implementation for only a few months. Administrative assistants have been hired to handle routine clerical duties, allowing detailers to spend more time on the phone with their constituents, and the detailer training program has been completely changed to support pro-active detailing. Detailers are also working much more closely with fleet career counselors, particularly those overseas, to arrange the best times to contact Sailors.

Another facet of DCI is a more focused detailer travel program. Detailers now develop visit plans, targeting specific Sailors to contact.

"We get lists from career counselors on who needs to hear the Navy's story," Tallent said. "By concentrating on Sailors who CCCs identify as at-risk of leaving the service, we're better able to listen to them and focus on what we can do to retain that person. In the first quarter alone, we convinced nearly 200 Sailors to accept orders rather than leave the Navy."

Finally, DCI serves another function — to help the Navy identify which billets are hard to fill from the Sailor's perspective.

"DCI will help us develop incentive programs," Tallent added. "If we have a billet in a certain location that (is unappealing to) Sailors or their spouses, we can better identify it and come up with benefits or incentives depending on our

understanding of Sailor's feelings."

For more information on the Detailer Communications Initiative, please visit the web site at <http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers40/dcip/>.

## USS Cowpens to deliver relief items to India

SINGAPORE (NNS) — The U.S. Navy is providing disaster relief assistance to the victims of the recent earthquake in India.

"With the devastation there, these people are really going to be hurting if they don't get the things they need," said Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class Michael Riley, from San Diego, Calif., now serving aboard USS Cowpens (CG 63).

The guided missile cruiser USS Cowpens arrived in Singapore Friday morning and off-loaded needed relief supplies for the people of India including medicine, tents, sleeping bags and hygiene articles.

The supplies came from a variety of sources including official U.S. government assistance programs such as "Project Handclasp" and other similar outreach and aid programs. In Singapore, the Navy spent almost \$50,000, buying more than 600 sleeping bags, more than 500 tents, and almost 1,500 blankets.

"The Cowpens and the entire Navy are proud to be able to help the people of India in this time of need in this manner," said one naval officer.

These supplies have been coordinated through the U.S. government as an outreach to the people of India in this difficult time. The U.S. Navy is working with Indian authorities through the U.S. Embassy for delivery of these items which will be added to the many other relief efforts coming in from all over the world.

USS Cowpens was already scheduled to go to India as part of the International Fleet Review when the earthquake occurred. In an effort to provide assistance, the ship's orders were changed to include transporting relief supplies from the Navy's logistics hub at Singapore to India.

"We were originally scheduled to attend the International Fleet Review in Mumbai," says Capt. Paul S. Holmes, commanding officer of Cowpens. "We were underway, en route to Singapore, when the earthquake hit."

"The first thing we thought was, 'how can we lend a hand?'"

The ship plans to leave Monday for India. The International Fleet Review takes place Feb. 15-19.

With a theme of "Bridges of Friendship," IFR will bring together approximately 70 warships and personnel from more than 20 nations.

Scheduled is a review of the maritime presence at anchorage by the president of India and visiting dignitaries, a city parade that includes participants from the visiting navies, military band performances, fireworks displays, and professional and cultural seminars and exchanges.

# Health care for our older beneficiaries: the past, the present, and the future

**By H. James T. Sears, M.D.**

*Executive Director TRICARE Management Activity*

When I speak to TRICARE audiences, I often remind people that I, too, am a TRICARE beneficiary, one that is approaching the age of eligibility for Medicare benefits. Many leaders in the military health care program are current and former career uniformed services personnel, and we have always shared your concerns about the extent to which the Department of Defense (DoD) could provide medical services to this beneficiary population. The expansion of TRICARE medical and pharmacy benefits to include uniformed services retirees and their family members age 65 and older, provided in the FY 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, is a change that all of us welcome. As we look forward to implementing these changes in the TRICARE program, it is a good time to reflect on what brought us to this new beginning.

Before TRICARE, the service military treatment facilities took care of career military retirees, even after they turned age 65. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) provided coverage for military retirees until they became Medicare-eligible at age 65. Medicare has been the responsible federal health care system for all persons age 65 and older, including uniformed services beneficiaries, since 1965. CHAMPUS integrated with the services' military treatment facilities to form TRICARE.

Over the years, military retirees and their family members age 65 and older continued to have space available care

and pharmacy benefits at military treatment facilities. Those who were using military pharmacies and lost access to them because of base closures could use TRICARE's National Mail Order Pharmacy and retail network pharmacies.

Under TRICARE, the DoD conducted several demonstration and pilot programs to find the best way possible to care for our Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries: TRICARE Senior Prime, the TRICARE Senior Supplement Program, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) demonstration project, and the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Program. Some of these programs, including the TRICARE Senior Prime Program, will be extended for a time.

The dental insurance benefit for the entire military retiree population has no age restrictions. All retirees are eligible to enroll for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, which now provides "enhanced" dental coverage to all new enrollees. Current enrollees can upgrade to the enhanced program at a higher premium cost.

Finally, last Oct. 30, President Clinton signed legislation that enables the DoD to provide TRICARE benefits to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Now, all of us at TMA are pulling together to deliver long-awaited TRICARE benefits, called TRICARE For Life, to our 65 and older beneficiaries. These are challenging and exciting times, and I have never seen a more positive "we can do that" attitude here at TMA. Why? Because our staff members share the belief that it's the "right thing to do," and they are proud to play a part in this historic effort. Right now, we are still determining some of the technical details to implement the 65 and over TRI-

CARE initiatives. This much we know:

\* TRICARE will be second payer to Medicare beginning Oct. 1, 2001, for eligible beneficiaries.

\* If you are 65 or older, not currently enrolled in Medicare Part B, and plan to use TRICARE, you are urged to seriously consider enrolling during Medicare's open enrollment season, Jan. 1 through March 31. Even though Medicare does not provide overseas coverage, you need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B if you want to use your TRICARE benefit overseas. To begin receiving information in the mail and to ensure your eligibility for TRICARE For Life, you must make sure your address and personal information is reflected accurately in your DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) record.

\* Enrollment to TRICARE Prime will be available as soon as practical, depending on local military treatment facility capabilities.

\* The Senior Pharmacy Program will be available April 1, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries who are 65 or older before April 1, 2001, can use it regardless of their Medicare Part B enrollment status. Those who turn 65 on or after April 1, 2001, must enroll in Medicare Part B to use the program. Senior beneficiaries will have the same applicable pharmacy co-pays that other TRICARE retired beneficiaries have. Beneficiaries using the base realignment and closure (BRAC) benefit and the Pharmacy Redesign Program will automatically become participants in the Senior Pharmacy Program.

TMA is working in close partnership with The Military Coalition and the

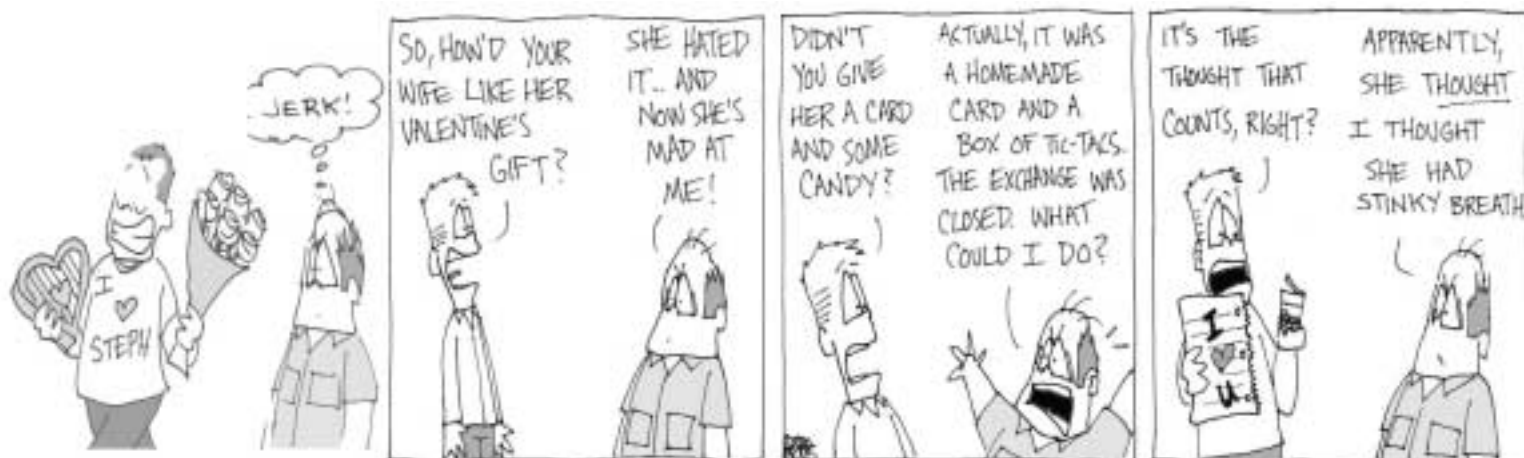
National Military and Veterans Alliance to ensure implementation of these new initiatives goes as smoothly as possible. As you may know, these groups played major roles in working with Congress to enable the DoD to restore health care benefits to its 65 and older beneficiaries. We formed a Health Issues Team (HIT) comprised of representatives from these groups to meet regularly with TMA officials about their TRICARE concerns. Now, we have formed two new TRICARE For Life panels, one senior and one working level, to allow beneficiary association leaders and representatives to meet regularly with Health Affairs and TMA leadership to address program implementation issues.

In the months ahead, you will hear many of the details about TRICARE For Life and the Senior Pharmacy Program. There is much to learn. TMA's press releases are re-published by hundreds of military publications, used in base newspapers worldwide, and shared with all the members of The Military Coalition and the National Military and Veterans Alliance. If you have access to an online computer, visit our Web site regularly at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa> for the latest updates.

These are historic and great times for military medicine. Uniformed services retirees age 65 and older will be honored for their service to their country with one of the best health care benefits in the world. It is with great satisfaction that we embrace our responsibilities to all our beneficiaries, and look forward to fulfilling our important commitment to serve their health care needs, while continuing to focus on our primary mission - maintenance of a healthy fighting force for America.

## Jax Tales

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# From Sailor to Search and Rescue Swimmer



A SAR candidate displays the proper procedures for a rescue.

**By JO3 Jackey Bratt**

"Man over board!" "Man over board!"

To many Sailors, hearing 'man overboard' over the ship's announcing system means it's time to muster and hope for the safety of your shipmates. For Search and Rescue (SAR) swimmers there is no time to think about what it means, only time to react.

SAR swimmers are part of a helicopter or ship's crew on nearly every mission. If a Sailor falls overboard or a pilot ejects, these highly trained swimmers respond immediately to effect a rescue.

These brave young Sailors volunteer to be the heroes/heroines of the Navy. Recently, I was able to witness first hand the four weeks of training they must endure to become a Search and Rescue Swimmer.

"Lives of Sailors depend on SAR swimmers," commented SMC (SW) James Pierce, safety officer at the Search and Rescue Swimmer school, located at NAS Jacksonville.

For an ideal candidate, they must be mentally strong and confident and be able to handle the most stressful of situations. Their physical condition must exceed the average Sailor's as well. They must also possess a strong ability to communicate with others. Calming down a downed pilot or a Sailor gone overboard is a big part of making a rescue run as smoothly as possible.

"This experience feels good, and is pushing me to my extreme limits," commented Staff Sgt. Fabian Scott, U.S. Army, and class leader for the group that started the four-week journey, Monday, Jan. 8.

Lt. Randy Dossey, department head for schoolhouse,

greeted the candidates and told them the faster they build teamwork, the easier the SAR training process will be.

He also pointed out the SAR creed, which is exceptionally motivational and could apply to any goal you are trying to achieve in life.

"Most men stop, when they begin to tire, good men stop, when they are about to drop, but the best know, the mind tires long before the body, and push themselves beyond all barriers, only when those barriers are broken the unattainable is reached."

Dossey also explained how the training they would soon be receiving was high risk and that if a single candidate was not paying attention, there was a danger of getting hurt.

"Attention to detail is very important, for it may even become a matter of life and death," he concluded.

"Mentally, the instructors will get in your heads to see what you've got," stated AWCS James Vaughan, LCPO of the SAR schoolhouse.

Class Supervisor, HM2 Brad Stoffer and team leader, AW2 (AW/NAC) Gerald Day headed up the instructors as they taught the candidates water survival skills. The instructor's mission is to train these candidates to be the best among the elite.

"We are here to help, it's a matter of how bad you want it," said Day.

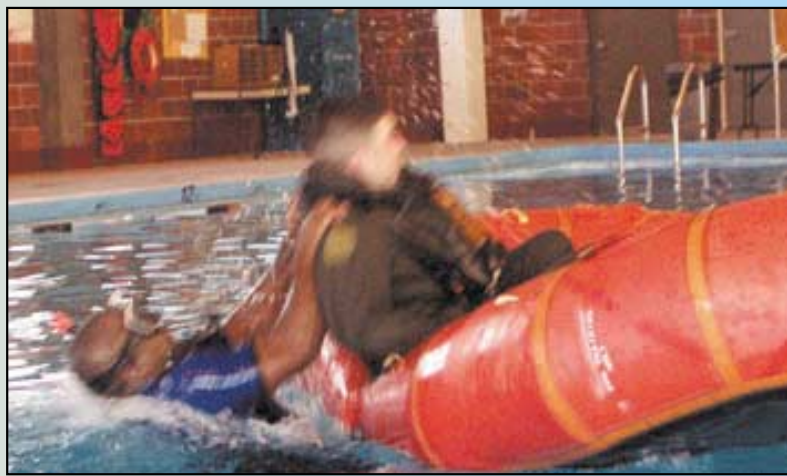
I watched the 10 Sailors, three Soldiers, and one civilian prepare to take on the challenge.

They became nameless, only referred to as numbers. They were given the opportunity to drop on request, (DOR) which, one Sailor decided to do after the first day.

Within the first week of training, the candidates had to test



A search and rescue instructor shows the candidates how to rescue and secure a downed pilot.



A Search and Rescue instructor shows the class how to handle a victim who is not being cooperative.





**HM2 Brad Stoffer shows candidates how to be mentally strong during a rescue.**

their mental limits as they would do countless push-ups, sit-ups, and running. They would get about a twenty-minute break after all the physical training to rinse off and then they would be in the pool learning various survival tactics, and swimming methods until lunch. After lunch they would be taught water survival skills in the schoolhouse classroom.

The next couple weeks were full of pool conditioning, tests, and even inspections.

"The pool conditioning builds stamina and speed for the Ocean," said HM2 Brad Stoffer. The candidates were often "motivated" in the pool with 5-yard sprints, side-swimming techniques, and staying afloat as their bodies weakened.

Self confidence, instilling knowledge of how to work with various pieces of equipment, and being able to be depended on are the underlying threads that sewed this blanket of success for the candidates. The major

theme was however, self-survival.

"You have to be confident that you are able to survive any situation in order to be able to save people" stated SMC (SW) James Pierce.

The often-tired candidates showed their determination and held true to the SAR swimmer's creed as they kept going and kicking their legs through countless exercises in the pool. They studied after being released from the schoolhouse in preparation for tests, and made sure to represent the SAR swimmers as if they had already earned the title.

"It will be an honor to become one of this small, elite group of men and women," said candidate, GMSN Justin Stone, who showed great talent in the physical aspect.

"I just picture graduating and I manage to push out another sit-up, pull-up, or it motivates me to swim faster," he said.

The training was strenuous but paid off on Friday, Feb. 2, as 13 candidates became Search and Rescue swimmers.



**SAR candidates are being motivated in the water.**

**SAR candidates look over their gear before entering the pool.**

**Staff Sgt. Fabian Scott applies the techniques he's learned to rescuing a pilot.**



# Manpower boss: ‘I’m not happy if you’re not happy’

SINGAPORE (NNS) — Vice Adm. Norb Ryan flew halfway around the world just to hear from Sailors stationed in Singapore recently.

“I work for all of you,” says Ryan, Chief of Naval Personnel. “You are the customer, and this is the best way to find out what’s on your mind.

“I’m not happy if you’re not happy.” The admiral described some of his priorities to Sailors from Logistics Group, Western Pacific; Naval Regional Contracting Center; and USNS Spica (T-AFS 9). Manning issues ranked at the

top of the list. Leaders have been concerned about recruiting, retention and gaps in billets for some time. This results from the Navy’s draw down in the 1990s. This has impacted the mission and advancements, according to Ryan.

In the past, battle groups deployed with only 90 percent of their manning. That’s jumped up considerably. The last battle group sent out reached the 98 percent mark.

“For the Navy, the bad news is over,” Ryan says. “More than two and a half

years ago, there were more than 19,000 gaps in the job — 18,500 of those were at sea.

“We still have some gaps, but it’s better. The good news is we’ve averaged 6,500 to 8,500 gaps for the last eight months. That’s a big drop.”

The man who tracks personnel numbers credits this success to a variety of initiatives. One being recruiters and how they’re more equipped — with laptops, cars and cell phones — to do their jobs.

Ryan says he wants only the best

Sailors in the recruiting business. Often, third and second class petty officers prove more successful than more senior counterparts. That’s because they’re younger and can more closely relate to their peers, according to the three-star admiral.

“It is worth your while to get into recruiting or into the ‘Sailorization’ process,” he says. Those in the Sailorization process bring future Sailors from the street to the fleet. That includes recruiters, recruit division commanders and service school instructors.





# Volunteers, trophies needed for NAS Jax Special Olympics

**By Rick Crews**

*NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs*

Here's a chance to make a difference in the life of someone very special.

NAS Jacksonville is in need of volunteers to help with approximately 800 Special Olympic athletes who are expected to participate in the Area Five Special Olympic Spring Games at the air station on Saturday, March 31. The Special Olympics athletes, from children to adults, will compete

in a variety of events including running, throwing and the long jump.

About 900 volunteers are needed to be "Buddy" or "Event" volunteers.

Buddy volunteers pair up with their Special Olympics athlete and remain with him or her throughout the day. Buddy Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 9 a.m. to accompany their athlete to the Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Event volunteers are asked to report by 8:30 a.m. They will help coordinate the athletic events or work in the

Olympic Village, where other activities are available for the Special Olympic athletes who are in between events.

Volunteers may sign up at the following email addresses (make sure you include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address):

Buddy Volunteers [battlear@nas-jax.navy.mil](mailto:battlear@nas-jax.navy.mil) (MMCS Battle, 542-3082)

Event Volunteers [dbonser@nas-jax.navy.mil](mailto:dbonser@nas-jax.navy.mil) (Bill Bonser, 542-2930/3239)

There is also a big need for old trophies

and plaques. Anyone who would like to donate old trophies or plaques for recycling may drop them off at the Station Gym on Gillis Street, Bldg. 614 (542-3239). Each athlete will receive a trophy!

All volunteers will receive complimentary beverages, lunch and recognition certificates. Volunteers will also receive a complimentary event t-shirt on a first-come, first-served basis.

The overall coordinator is Lt. Ricardo Byrdsong, [gbyrdson@nas-jax.navy.mil](mailto:gbyrdson@nas-jax.navy.mil), 542-2566.

## DoD will support veterans funerals

**From the Naval Media Center**

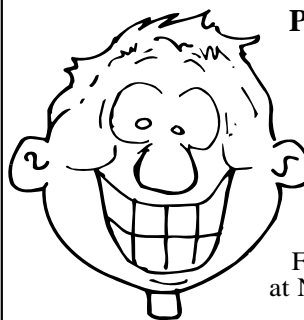
The Department of Defense (DoD) is now required to render military funeral honors to all eligible veterans.

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000 calls for the U.S. Armed Services to provide at least two military personnel upon request. One participant must be from the requesting veteran's service branch.

Funeral honors will include folding and presenting an American flag and playing "Taps." If possible, a bugler will perform this. However, the Act provides that "Taps" may be a high-quality recording.

These honors will not be rendered without a request from the veteran's next of kin through a funeral director. Visit [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil) to learn more about this process.

## The Wellness Center



### Programs offered:

Ship-Shape Weight Management  
Tobacco Cessation  
Health and Fitness Analysis  
Cholesterol Reduction  
Hypertension Reduction

Located in Building 867 (next to the Fitness Source) on Enterprise Avenue at NAS Jacksonville.

# Naval Dental Center Southeast announces Senior, Junior Sailors of the Year for 2000

**By Ensign Angela Webster**

DT2(SW) Christopher Kuntz and DT3 Miguel Diaz were selected as the Senior and Junior Sailors of the Year for Naval Dental Center Southeast. During a luncheon held at the NAS Jacksonville Officer's Club, Capt. Kimon Rumanes and DTCM(SW) Barry Rainey congratulated all of the nominees from the regions Branch Dental Clinics.

The competition was high and evaluating the candidates was a challenging process but these two fine petty officers outshone the rest and rightly deserve the honor of representing their command.

Kuntz is a Dental Repair Technician and Leading Petty Officer of the Dental Repair Division, Headquarters. He is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all dental equipment of the 11 outlying Branch Dental Clinics in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Kuntz makes time to be active in his volunteer work for the command and civilian organizations and the pursuit of his Associate of Science

Degree in Biomedical Equipment Engineering.

Diaz is the Assistant Leading Petty Officer and Administrative Petty Officer of the Branch Dental Clinic Jacksonville. Superbly handling all responsibilities, he was instrumental in the clinic's attainment of 95.6 percent operational dental readiness. An active member of the Command Color Guard Team, Diaz participates in numerous ceremonies and is a key player in organizing many MWR fundraising events. Congratulations to these fine individuals.



**Capt. Kimon Rumanes (right) and DTCM(SW) Barry Rainey (left) congratulate DT2(SW) Christopher Kuntz, Dental Center Southeast Senior Sailor of the Year (center left) and DT3 Miguel Diaz the Center's Junior Sailor of the Year (center right).**

# MWR NOTES

## Aquatics Department

The Aquatics Department is taking reservations for private parties at the outdoor pool "Allegheny Family Recreation Area." The dates available for the pool facility rental are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from May 1 - Sept. 30, 2001. The cost is \$75 for the first two hours, \$25 each additional hour. The Price includes certified lifeguards.

The Advanced Swim Training/Master's Team is available for active duty to improve their PRT rating on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15/month for active duty and \$20/month for DoD. For information or to make reservations call 542-2930.

## NAS Jax Base Auditorium Movie Schedule - February

Take advantage of the free movies offered at the base theater located at the corner of Jason St. and Saratoga Blvd. There are no concessions but food and drinks are allowed to be brought in with the exception of alcoholic beverages. No children under the age of 18 are allowed without adult supervision. For more information call 542-3577, or look on the web at [www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr).

Friday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. - Rules of Engagement (R)

## Liberty Cove Recreation Center

The Liberty Cove Recreation Center is now open in its new location! The center is located on the corner of Jason St. and Yorktown Ave. in Bldg. 816. Active duty Sailors can enjoy free Inter-

net access on any one of 18 computers available. Compete in free Pool, Ping-Pong, Darts, Sony Playstations, Dream Cast or Nintendo 64. Come in and take a seat in a comfortable recliner, and watch movies on the big screen! The Liberty program offers tons of fun, adventures galore and so much more. The Center's hours are 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday. Call 542 3491 for more activities scheduled or information.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Movie Trip - This event is open to active duty only. The van leaves for Orange Park AMC at 6:45 p.m. See a movie for free! Sign up the day of the trip.

Saturday, Feb. 24 - Island of Adventure Trip - A fee of \$35 covers round trip transportation and park entrance. The van leaves Liberty Cove Recreation Center at 7 p.m. and will return back here around 10 p.m. There is a minimum of five participants for this event and a maximum of 14.

## Yellow Water Youth Center

Birthday Parties - Come celebrate your birthday at the Youth Center. Our center can accommodate 75 of your favorite friends. A fee of \$25 is good for two hours or pick up a theme and let us plan your party for \$50 for two hours. Leave all the fun up to us. All you need is the cake.

Open Recreation - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required by a parent. Open Recreation is free and it is open to ages K-17.

Teen Night - Mondays from 6 to 8

p.m. Surf the net and enjoy a variety of games and activities!

Take the hassle out of your travel planning! The Yellow Water Housing Area has newly located ITT to the Youth Activities Center. Convenient vacation and travel plans can be made virtually at your front door. Come in and make your travel plans for all the fun Florida vacation attractions and theme parks. The Yellow Water ITT staff will be providing the same friendly and courteous service as the main ITT Office at NAS Jax. Yellow Water Information Tickets and Tours Office hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 12 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday, 12 to 6 p.m. For more information call 542-8247.

## The Budweiser Brew House

The Budweiser Brew House located in 'The Zone' Bldg. 798, corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue is now open. The Brew House opens daily at 11 a.m. and will be NAS Jacksonville's football headquarters with NFL's Sunday ticket (this includes Monday Night Football). Enjoy lunch or dinner from a variety of menu items. Starting in February, The Brew House will be having Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call 542-3521. Other happenings at the Brew House:

Social Hour - Feb. 16, 4 to 6 p.m. - enjoy beverage specials and munchies.

Happy Birthday Tootsie Roll - Feb. 23 - Enjoy beverage specials and JB the DJ will be cranking out the tunes from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Family Night Before PayDay - Feb. 28 - Kids eat for half price.

## Yesterday's Caff 

Step back in time to the great service and food you deserve. Sit back and listen to the Jukebox, and enjoy the weekly specials. It's a great place for lunch with all your friends.

Check out our specials every day.

## CPO Lounge

Live Entertainment every Friday! Social Hours are every Wednesday and Friday with free munchies and beverage specials. For information, call 542-3461.

Feb 16: Don Lloyd

Feb 23: Reggie

## Xtreme Bowling

Bowl for fifty cents a game on Wednesdays from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Xtreme Bowling is on Fridays midnight to 2am, Saturdays 7pm-2am, and Sundays 1pm-4pm! FREE bowling for Active Duty on Tuesdays from 11am - 1p.m. For more information, call 542-3493.

## Mulligans

Mark your calendars for Mulligan's Fat Tuesday Party scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27. Come dressed in costume, and you may be crowned the King or Queen of Mardi Gras, Mulligan's style. Enjoy food and beverage specials starting at 4 p.m. For more information, call 542-2936.

## Bambino's Delivery Special!

Buy one large pizza and get the second for half price. A special is offered on Wednesdays after 2 p.m. Call 542-3900 for delivery to anywhere on base.

## Base Gym

Men's Varsity Softball Tryouts are Feb. 20 through 23, 5 to 7 p.m., McCaffrey Softball Complex. The tryouts are open to NAS Jax active duty only. Questions or information should be directed to NAS Jax Athletics at 542-2930/3239.

Visit MWR online at [www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr) or call the Marketing Office for general information at 542-3577.

# Armed Forces Vacation Club, online reservations for resort condominiums priced to make you smile

We have all been warned, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Well, there is at least one exception to that rule; resort condominium rentals for only \$234 per week through the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC).

In 2000, eligible families booked over 7,100 seven-day resort vacations at locations around the world, paying far less than they would at most hotels. Normally, resort condos rent for up to \$1,500 a week. Through the AFVC space available program, eligible personnel pay only \$234 a week - a real vacation value.

Vacationers also help support MWR activities because \$22 from each confirmation comes back to the installation. The AFVC resort vacation program is open to all active duty, retired, national guard, reserve, and DoD civilian personnel, around the globe. To learn more about vacation opportunities through the AFVC, visit your MWR office or check out the AFVC web site, [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com).

The web site not only explains AFVC rules and procedures, but, thanks to a special daily update from the AFVC reservation center, it also

displays resorts and available check-in dates. Because inventory availability changes daily, it pays to check the site regularly. If you find a resort and time that interests you, a simple phone call to the AFVC reservation center is all it takes to confirm your vacation. If you don't find what you are looking for, call the reservation center within 14 days of travel. In high demand areas, there may be cancellations and opportunities that don't make it to the web site and you may be the lucky caller that finds them first. You will need a credit card to confirm, but there are

no penalties for cancellation or date changes due to military deployments or other official duties.

If you do not have Internet access, you can do everything by phone. Simply call the reservation center at 1-800-724-9988, tell them you are a first time AFVC caller, and give them account number 7033-00000. The operator will open an individual membership account for you (there are no membership fees or dues) and assist you with finding availability that fits your interests and schedule. Don't forget your installation number when making a reservation.





# What's Cookin'?



## AT THE GALLEY

### Meal hours

*Monday through Friday*  
 Breakfast 6 to 7:30 a.m.  
 Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Dinner 4:30 to 6 p.m.

*Saturday, Sunday and holidays*  
 Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
 Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 Dinner 4 to 5:30 p.m.

### Meal costs

Breakfast \$1.60  
 Brunch/Lunch \$3.20  
 Dinner \$3.20

*Note: The Galley Menu is subject to change. The food service officer is authorized to make changes to the general mess menu to provide substitutions for food items not in stock or to permit timely use of perishable stocks.*

### Thursday

*Breakfast*  
 Minced beef w/toast  
 Home fried potatoes  
 French toast puffs  
 Grilled minute steak  
 Grits  
 Assorted omelets

### Lunch

Roast corned beef  
 Baked macaroni and cheese  
 Hot mustard sauce  
 Steamed carrots  
 Stuffed flounder  
 Steamed cabbage  
 Cream of broccoli soup  
 Summer squash  
 Banana pudding

### Dinner

Beef cordon bleu  
 Rice pilaf  
 Peas w/celery  
 Beef gravy  
 Herbed chicken  
 Oven brown potatoes  
 Summer squash  
 Chicken gravy  
 Mulligatawny soup

Oven fried bacon  
 Hash brown potatoes  
 Boiled eggs  
 Apple fritters  
 Grilled sausage links  
 Rolled oats  
 Assorted omelets

### Lunch

Steak ranchero  
 Potatoes au gratin  
 Steamed green beans  
 Manhattan clam chowder

Home fried potatoes  
 Waffles  
 Grilled ham slices  
 Farina  
 Assorted omelets

### Brunch

Creamed beef  
 Farina  
 Spaghetti noodles  
 Beef rice soup  
 Waffles  
 Spaghetti w/meat sauce

Cream of Wheat  
 Assorted omelets

### Brunch

Minced beef w/toast  
 Assorted omelets  
 Onion rings  
 Chicken rice soup  
 Brown gravy  
 French toast  
 Hamburgers  
 Mixed vegetables

### Dinner

Liver w/onions  
 Steamed rice  
 Beets in orange-lemon sauce  
 Beef vegetable soup  
 Baked chicken  
 Lyonnaise potatoes  
 Steamed cauliflower

### Lunch

Beef sukiyaki  
 Green beans w/mushrooms  
 Chinese fried rice  
 Chicken egg drop soup  
 Vegetable stir fry  
 Chicken adobo  
 Steamed rice  
 Egg foo young  
 Chinese egg rolls  
 Strawberry glazed pies

### Dinner

Teriyaki steak  
 Steamed rice  
 Southern style greens  
 Baked tuna and noodles  
 Baked potatoes  
 Brown gravy  
 Steamed squash  
 Knickerbocker soup

### Monday

#### Breakfast

Biscuits and sausage gravy  
 Home fried potatoes  
 Banana pancakes  
 Assorted omelets  
 Minute steaks  
 Grits

#### Lunch

Yankee pot roast  
 Tossed green rice  
 Steamed broccoli  
 French onion soup  
 Tempura fish fillets  
 Whipped potatoes  
 Glazed carrots  
 Natural gravy

#### Dinner

Chicken tetrazzini  
 Steamed rice  
 Cauliflower Parmesan  
 Brown gravy  
 Grilled pork chops  
 Mashed sweet potatoes  
 Peas w/mushrooms  
 Tomato vegetable soup

### Wednesday

#### Breakfast

Grilled bacon  
 Cottage fried potatoes  
 French toast  
 Creamed beef w/toast  
 Farina

#### Lunch

Beef pot pie  
 Buttered noodles  
 Vegetable stir fry  
 Cream of mushroom soup  
 Oven fried chicken  
 Oven browned potatoes  
 Steamed wax beans  
 Toasted Parmesan bread

#### Dinner

Swedish meatballs  
 Candied yams  
 Steamed corn  
 Creole soup  
 BBQ ribs  
 Mashed potatoes  
 Southern style greens



Southern fried fish  
 Steamed rice  
 Calico corn  
 Brown gravy

Peas and carrots

#### Dinner

Syrian beef stew  
 Paprika potatoes  
 Vegetable combo  
 Corn chowder  
 Roast pork  
 Summer squash  
 Mushroom gravy  
 Steamed egg noodles

### Sunday

#### Breakfast

Oven fried bacon  
 Cottage fried potatoes  
 Boiled eggs  
 French toast  
 Minced beef w/toast

### Tuesday

#### Breakfast

Minced beef  
 Apple cinnamon oatmeal  
 Grilled bacon  
 Grilled hash browns  
 Waffles  
 Assorted omelets



### Friday

*Breakfast*

### Saturday

#### Breakfast

Creamed beef

# ‘Hmm... I haven’t used ‘C’ in a while’

**By JO2 Mike Jones**  
*Assistant Editor*

One of the many reasons I enlisted in the Navy was to take advantage of the college opportunities military service provided. I didn’t have the cash (or SAT scores) to attend Harvard or Yale, so the reduced rates, and in many cases, free college programs offered by the Navy made signing the enlistment document a cinch.

The path to a college degree seemed to shorten when I learned about credit testing. I didn’t know at the time, but CLEP, DSST and Regents tests could be substituted for traditional college classes. Think about it - in roughly one hour, you can receive college credit for a course that would’ve taken several months to complete.

Most colleges won’t allow credit testing to satisfy the entire degree requirements, but enough to make the program definitely worth checking out. Talk to a representative at your university for specific details.

Best of all, for those in the mili-

tary, the testing is free. You don’t pay a cent. Family members may also participate, but there is a fee. Also, don’t worry if you don’t pass the exam. You’ll have to wait six months before you can retake the test, but the Navy College doesn’t report the failing scores. This means your grade point average doesn’t have to suffer.

And don’t let your work schedule deter you from pursuing your educational goals. The Navy College Office on base holds credit testing Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at noon. The office is located in Bldg. 110 on Yorktown Ave. and there is always someone there who can answer your questions. For more information, call the Navy College Office at 542-2477.



# Internet boasts many bogus universities

**By JO2 Mike Jones**  
*Assistant Editor*

For many military members, service in the armed forces provides an effective path to a college education. Although duties often place Sailors far from home, the increasing availability of distance education allows many service members to realize educational goals.

However, some seemingly quick ways to obtain a degree can often lead to an unforgettable education. As quickly as homes across the world wired into the Internet, online colleges sprang up offering quick and easy bachelor’s, master’s and even doctorate degrees.

“If it looks too good to be true, it probably is,” said Windell Mabry, assistant director NAS Jacksonville Navy College Office. “There are more and more of these bogus universities out there everyday.”

To determine if a university is legitimate, Mabry said prospective students should ask about the school’s accreditation. “If you ask about accreditation and they say they don’t have any, or they’re self-accredited or accredited by someone you’ve never heard of ... that’s a flag

right there,” Mabry said. “They’d just sell pieces of paper to you.”

Some companies even go as far as reproducing “replacement” degrees from prestigious universities - for a price, Mabry said. “There was one instance where a lot of people were sending in money to this ‘university’ in England for its distance learning program,” he said. The ‘university’ turned out to be a P.O. Box, and the degrees were nothing more than computer printouts. “A lot of these schools are under indictment by the federal government for fraud,” he said.

The safest way Sailors can ensure their money is going towards a legitimate education is to contact the Navy College Office, Mabry said. “We have a lot of resources to help Sailors determine if these programs are legitimate,” he said. A full listing of accreditation agencies can be obtained at the Navy College Office. “Sailors can call us up with the name of any school and we can look it up for them to determine its accreditation, what kind of degree they’d be getting and if it’s worth it,” Mabry added.

For more information call the Navy College Office at 542-2477.

# U.S. Air Force Reserve Band 'Strikes a Chord' with local community

**By Staff Sgt. Bill Granger**

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Concert Band will be performing a free concert at the Moran Theatre in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The 43-piece concert band is the largest and most versatile unit of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, with a varied repertoire that ranges from classical overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic favorites.

The concert band has performed at various locations throughout the United States and the world. The band has toured Russia twice in the last five years, making historic appearances in Moscow (1992) and St. Petersburg (1995). With the Southeastern United States as its primary touring area, the concert band frequently performs for packed houses in Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

The band has performed with such renowned guest artists as Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, B.J. Thomas, The Lettermen, Gary Morris, Lari

White, Mila Mason, Crystal Gayle, Jonathan Pierce, Christ Church Choir, and Faith Hill. The band has performed under the direction of prominent band composers and conductors such as Dr. Alfred Reed, Paul Bierley, and Robert W. Smith. The concert band was also presented with the prestigious Colonel George S. Howard Award from the Sousa Foundation for outstanding military concert bands in 1994 and 1996.

The concert band is also very active in recording projects. Since 1996, they have recorded a very special Christmas radio broadcast that was aired worldwide on the Armed Services Network and other AM and FM stations throughout the United States. Later in 1998, they recorded a definitive Henry Fillmore recording with the guidance of one of Fillmore's musical peers, Mr. William Miller.

This event is sponsored by the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events. All members of the band are professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.



**The United States Air Force Reserve Concert Band will be performing at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts Feb. 23.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

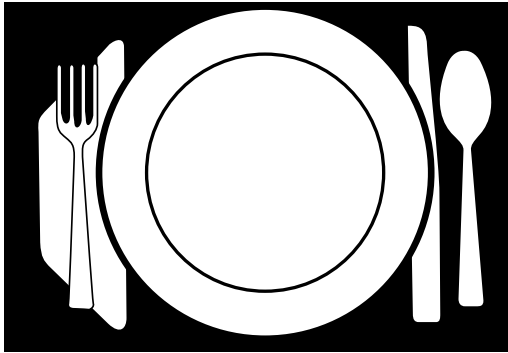
**The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Jacksonville Region** will begin the Citizens's Forum for Racial and Cultural Harmony (CFRACH) initiative with a dialogue session on Feb. 23. The CFRACH dialogue session is meant to bring together diverse elements that make up our community to better appreciate each other's perspectives. The opening dialogue session will be followed by a series of town meetings scheduled over the next several months. And will end with an outcome report containing recommendations for the city of Jacksonville. All CFRACH events are open to the public. The first session will be Friday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the University of North Florida University Center. Registration is required for this free event. The NCCJ will also co-sponsor the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon on Feb. 23 at UNF featuring guest speaker Martin Luther King III from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 and can be purchased at UNF or through NCCJ. The first 50 registrants get a 50 percent discount. For information on NCCJ and these events call 390-3230 or email [jacksonville@nccj.org](mailto:jacksonville@nccj.org) or write NCCJ at 1300 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 320-I, Jacksonville, FL 32207-9054.

**The 4th Annual San Marco Art Festival** is Feb. 24 and 25. The event located at the San Marco Shopping Center features work of more than 150 painters, sculptors, jewelers, potters, photographers as well as live music and food. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and admission is free. Call 954-472-3755 for additional information or access the web at [www.ArtFestival.com](http://www.ArtFestival.com).

**Florida Community College at Jacksonville** is developing five comprehensive and interconnected aviation technology programs to be housed at the newly designated Cecil Commerce Center in Jacksonville. Instruction will include hands-on training, computer-based training and interactive television, supple-

mented by flight simulators, Internet access and laptop computers in shop workspaces. The Aviation Center of Excellence will meet requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration for certification as an aviation structural mechanic and power plant (A&P) school. For more information, call 632-3310.

**The Noncommissioned Officers Association** will be sponsoring a job fair in Jacksonville Feb. 16. The event is free and open to all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (210) 653-6161 or visit the NCOA website at [www.ncosusa.org](http://www.ncosusa.org).



**Unit 126 Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association** will celebrate its 45th birthday party Feb. 17 starting at 5 p.m. with a covered dish dinner. Entertainment will be provided by "The Vintage Players." For more information, call 771-2936.

**The Retired Officers' Association of Northeast Florida** dinner business meeting for the month of February will be held at the Officers' Club Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Active and retired officers of the uniformed services, spouses and guests are invited. Advance reservations to the Chapter's Reservation Chairman are required 48 hours prior to the meeting. For more information, call 284-1240.

**The ninth annual Florida Forum** benefiting the Wolfson Children's Hospital is upon us. Send for your Valentine Florida Forum tickets, there are only two speakers left: Tom Clancy the Author & Originator of the "Techno-Thriller" on Feb. 15 and Tom Brokaw on March 31. The Women's Board, sponsors of the

Forum, is offering a one-time opportunity to this region's military personnel to purchase single tickets to these lectures. Normally, the tickets are only sold as a series of three. The single tickets being offered are available for \$40 - each General Admission seat. Order them by telephone (VISA or MasterCard) at 202-2886. Mention that you are buying the ticket(s) as military personnel. All the lectures will be held at the historic Florida Theatre at 7 p.m. Limited tickets are available.

**You're invited to join the Chapter FL1-X Motor Cycle Club** at their regular Friday night get together at the Dairy Queen on Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park at 7 p.m. The club is made up of active duty and retired military members who share a love of bike riding making new friends. Don't be shy, come and have some fun. If you have questions, call JoAnn Dilling at 778-2821 or 291-3354.

**Participating multi-cultural organizations** are being sought to participate in the 9th Annual World of Nations Celebration. The City of Jacksonville invites all such Jacksonville groups to participate in the Celebration, April 26, 27 and 28 at Metropolitan Park. The yearly festival celebrates the cultural contributions of Jacksonville's many different diverse groups through entertainment, educational displays and demonstrations, arts and crafts, cuisine and more. Each "country's" pavilion is organized by one of Jacksonville's multicultural clubs or organizations. Over 40 different countries are represented at the World of Nations Celebration. If your club or organization is interested in participating or hosting a pavilion, please contact the Office of Special Events at 630-3690 or [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net). An organizational meeting will be held today in the Renaissance Room at City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street. There is a registration fee, and all partici-

pating groups must have non-profit status (501 (c) (3)).

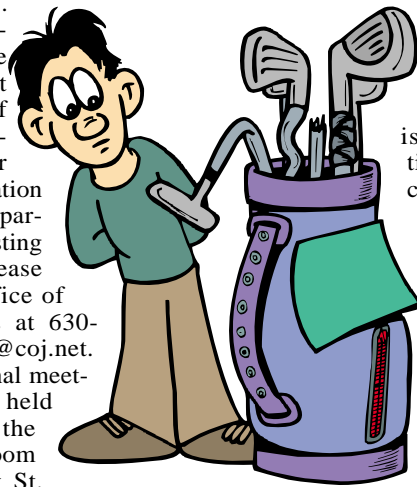
**The Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 "Skinny Dragons,"** based in Kaneohe, Hawaii, are having a reunion for all its former members on May 17 through 20 at Pensacola, Fla. For information on the reunion write to: Steve Andruszkewicz, 13115 Le Par #35, Chino Hills, CA 91709. To reach him by phone call (909) 591-2329, email address: [steveaz@bigfoot.com](mailto:steveaz@bigfoot.com). The reunion hotline number is (405) 321-0287 and the website is [www.vp4association.com](http://www.vp4association.com).

**The Florida Georgia Blood Alliance** is seeking volunteers. Have you ever wanted to make a difference? You can by volunteering the gift of time at one of our donor center locations throughout Jacksonville. All positions are open. These include greeting donors, assisting in drawing areas and the laboratory, contacting eligible donors, clerical assistance and more. Hours are flexible and training is gladly provided. For more information contact Diane Strickland, 353-8263, ext. 333.

**The Alzheimer's Association Golf Tournament** set for March 9. The Alzheimer's Association and American Express Financial Advisors present the Friedman and Reuschle Benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, March 9, at 11 a.m. Windsor Park Golf Club. This 4-man scramble is limited to 144 players at a cost of \$100 per player

(individuals are welcome). Early bird four-somes (by Feb. 23) are \$350. Registration information is available by calling 398-5193.

**Military Star Card** rates decrease! Interest rates for The Military Star Card decreased Jan. 17 from 14.25 to 13.75 percent. The new rate does not apply to existing special promotions.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Duval County School Teacher's Supply Depot - Feb. 15 & March 15

Volunteers are needed to help organize and restock school materials. This is a great way to show support of community schools! The Depot's new location is in the John Gorrie Middle School on College Street in the Riverside area of downtown Jacksonville. Directions will be provided.

## The Alliance for World Class Education's - 'Much Ado About Books' - Feb. 17

The Alliance for World Class Education is looking for Navy volunteers to participate in the second annual 'Much Ado About Books' event at the Prime Osborn Convention Center to benefit the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation. Volunteers will be needed during one or two hour shifts from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to assist with various functions of the event including reading to children.

## Habitat for Humanity - Through February and March

HabiJax, the local affiliate for Habitat for Humanity, recently completed their goal to build 200 homes in 2000 and has now started working on homes for 2001. Volunteers are needed to help with framing, roofing and installing vinyl siding on homes every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday during the next few months. No skill is necessary. Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

## JAXPRIDE Week 2001 - Feb. 28 & March 3

Jacksonville Baptist Home for Children - On Feb. 28 and March 3 The JaxPride Coalition is looking for volunteers to help out with a number of

projects at the Jacksonville Baptist Home for Children on University Blvd (near the Atlantic Blvd. intersection, behind Love Grove Elementary School). Two groups of volunteers are needed to paint split rail fencing; mow pastureland and assist with raking lawns and trimming shrubbery. Lunch, refreshments, mowing equipment, paint and tools will be provided. Shifts are available on Weds., 28 Feb from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Learning for Life March 12-16, 27-30 and April 2-30

The Learning for Life staff is looking for volunteers to help with instruction on fishing, team building activities, nature hikes and outdoor cooking, among others. Learning for Life is a character education program for children and participants will be 5th graders from various area schools. Volunteer hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day at Camp Echocotee (Boy Scout Camp) off of Doctor's Lake Drive. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt. For more information on the program go to <http://www.learning-for-life.org/>.

## City of Jacksonville Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet Parade - March 16

Join the City of Jacksonville in their celebration of the annual Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet by volunteering as a Parade Marshal. Volunteer Parade Marshals will help parade marchers line up in correct order and to begin their place in the parade on time. Volunteers are also needed at the parade's end to hand out box lunches and to guide visitors back to the landing. Youth are welcome. The minimum age requirement is 16 years.

## St. Jude's Childrens Hospital Radiothon - March 8 and 9

St. Jude's Hospital, in coordination with WQIK, is holding a radiothon at the Orange Park Mall on March 8 and 9 from 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. each day to raise funds for the hospital. They are looking for groups of Navy volunteers to come in and help answer phones. Volunteers will be well fed for their time and the cause speaks for itself.

## Duval and Clay County 6th Annual St. John's River Celebration - March 17

The St. Johns River Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 17 in Clay and Duval counties. Volunteers will be collecting litter at a variety of pre-selected sites scattered over the two counties. There will be site captains at each site to check in volunteers. Duval County volunteers will gather at noon at Metropolitan Park for a celebration where they will receive t-shirts, refreshments and enjoy some live entertainment. Clay County volunteers will gather at the Clay County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to help clean up our river and to participate in the largest one-day waterway cleanup in Florida. This is a family friendly project - children are encouraged to volunteer with parental supervision. Minimum age of unsupervised teens is 18 years.

## Wolfson Children's Hospital 15th Annual Kids' Day - March 17 & 18

Help Wolfson Children's Hospital celebrate kids health and safety on March 17 and 18 at WJCT Spring Fest at Alltel Stadium. Volunteers are needed to provide manned static display exhibits of Navy equipment for

911 Emergency Emergency Street and other areas of the event and to assist with the Bike Rodeo in which children will pick out a bike and learn about biking safety. Other volunteer opportunities will include face painting; assisting kids with arts and crafts; chaperoning at area featuring sand pile, kid's toys, and bubbles; and assisting with the wheelchair obstacle course.

## NAS JAX Special Olympics Summer Games March 31

Volunteers are needed to serve as Special Olympics athlete "buddy"s, as well as to assist with setting up and running the sporting events for the day. "Buddy" volunteers are asked to report no later than 9 a.m. and can sign up by calling MMCS Battle at 542-3082 or by sending an email to [battlear@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:battlear@nasjax.navy.mil). Sporting events volunteers are asked to report no later than 8:30 a.m. and can sign up by calling Bill Bonser at 542-2930 or by emailing [dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil). Sporting events volunteers will be briefed before game day on duties and assignments.

## Jacksonville's Children's Commission Teddy Bear Picnic - April 3

The Jacksonville Children's Commission is looking for volunteers to support their Teddy Bear picnic scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 from 8:30 a.m. - noon at Metropolitan Park (across from Alltel Stadium). The picnic is for the benefit of Jacksonville area pre-schoolers who attend the event free of charge. Volunteers are needed to assist with outdoor children's activities and to distribute pre-made bagged snacks. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt and lunch.

# Volunteers needed for Players Championship Tournament

Volunteers are needed for the 28th Annual Players Championship that will be held in Ponte Vedra Beach from March 19-25.

All volunteers must serve in their personal capacity and must be on leave or regular liberty, not special liberty, in order to participate. The championship is not a charitable organization, and therefore the Navy cannot send personnel to serve during duty hours or award special liberty to volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for all committees, both non-paying and paying volunteers.

Non-paying volunteers are eligible to serve on any committee offered by the tournament as long as there is a vacancy.

Additionally, those that sign up this year will be placed on the priority list for committees in subsequent years.

Non-paying volunteers will most likely be assigned to committees in the facilities division, such as course ecology, general parking, and course prep/construction. Each volunteer will receive a Player's Championship shirt and a one-day pass to the tournament each volunteer shift worked.

Regular paying volunteers will be required to purchase a uniform consisting of a volunteer shirt (\$34), a windbreaker (\$44), and a volunteer badge (\$30), which is also a pass to the tournament for the entire week. Paying volunteers may choose committees from a list

of committees not already filled by previously registered volunteers. Additionally, paying volunteers are entitled to participate in a volunteer golf tournament or to a free round of golf at the Tournament Players Championship, as well as a volunteer party on Saturday, March 17, at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Committee assignment is accomplished on a first-come, first-serve basis. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to give back to the community that serves as our home, as well as being part of some of the best golf in the country.

For more information contact YN1 David Shultz, NAS Jacksonville at 542-4545.





# **JAX SPORTS**

## **Sports officials and scorekeepers needed**

The North Florida Military Officials Association is looking for individuals to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers are also needed for basketball and softball leagues. Experience is not required. If you are interested in officiating and scorekeeping contact George Phillips at 387-2047.

## **Women's Basketball League forming**

The NAS Jax Athletics would like to form a women's basketball league to begin in March. If you are a female active duty, military dependent over 18, or DoD civilian then you are eligible to participate. Teams and individual players are needed. Call the NAS Jax Gymnasium for more information.

## **Men's and women's varsity basketball, softball coaches needed**

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced individuals who would be interested in coaching varsity basketball and softball teams. The varsity teams are comprised of the top NAS Jax active duty athletes and represent NAS Jax in community, regional, and national level tournaments. Military and civilian personnel are eligible to coach the varsity teams. Interested personnel should contact Bill Bonser.

## **Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball and Softball Players wanted**

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced basketball and softball players to represent NAS Jax in the local community and in regional military tournaments. Active duty only are eligible for the men's varsity teams and active duty, family members over 18, retirees, and civilian employees assigned to NAS Jax are eligible for the women's teams. If you are interested in being a member of the NAS Jax varsity sports program, contact the NAS Jax Athletics Department.

## **Intramural Soccer League forming**

The Intramural Soccer league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The meeting was held and rosters are due by Feb. 16. The league is scheduled to begin Feb. 26. If you would like to join the league, stop by the gym to pick up a packet of the rules.

## **Softball meetings planned for Feb. 15**

The Intramural League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a

Captain's Cup event. The Greybeard League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel 33 years of age and older and is a Captain's Cup event. The Women's League is open to active duty, family members over 18, retirees, DoD and NAF civilian employees.

The meetings will be held at the conference room in "The Zone" at 11:30 a.m. - Intramural; 12 noon - Greybeard; and Women - 12:30 p.m. The Open League is open to active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, DoD and NAF civilian employees. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at Mulligans. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

### **Base gymnasium, indoor pool will be closed Feb. 18 and 19**

The base gymnasium and indoor pool will be closed Sunday, Feb. 18 and Monday, President's Day to replace leaking water and steam lines. The Fitness Source will be available these days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Ultimate Frisbee League meeting planned for Feb. 16**

The NAS Jax Athletic Department would like to form a new Ultimate Frisbee League. The league is open to NAS Jax active duty only and the meeting will be held in the gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and format for the league.

### **Preseason Softball Tournament March 9-11**

It's time to knock off the rust and dust! Sign up for the preseason softball tournament to be played at the NAS Jax McCaffrey Softball Complex. This tournament is open to all active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. Varsity and All Star teams are not permitted. The entry fee is \$75 per team and the deadline is March 2. Teams will start with a 1 and 1 count and there will be a four-run homerun limit. Team awards will be given for first, second, and third place and individual awards for first and second.

### **Men's Varsity Softball tryouts are Feb. 20-23**

Tryouts for the men's varsity softball team will be conducted by coach Kevin Barrow at the McCaffrey Softball Complex Feb. 20-23 from 5 to 7 p.m. The tryouts are open to NAS Jax active duty only and players are required to bring their personal softball gear. For more information contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

### **Intramural Volleyball meeting set for March**

The Intramural Volleyball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty

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# En Fuego on fire in tournament

Team En Fuego participated in the 2001 NFL's Let-It-Fly four-on-four flag football tournament on Feb. 3 and 4 at Imeson Park. Playing in cold, rainy weather fit for the hot new XFL league, En Fuego, made up of NADep Jax engineers and a family member of one of the engineers, won their division by toasting all opponents they faced to a 5-0 record over the weekend.

All games were close, with the average margin of victory of the first four games being a hot three and a half points. En Fuego stayed cool while trailing 7-19 early in the second half of the semifinal fourth game to fire back to win 20-19. The team then slow roasted to a 13-0 wins in the final championship game.

Members of the team are pictured above. Kneeling is James "Torch" Borgmeier, who effort-

lessly burned through the offenses and defenses of the opponents throughout the weekend. Standing (left to right) are Corey "C4" Woods, brother-in-law of Bill Graf, who was recruited a week before the tournament. He drove up from Ft. Meyers the day before the start of the tournament and provided essential defensive rushing to explode the confidence and effectiveness of opposing quarterbacks. Next is William "TNT" Graf, who blew large holes in the opposition's defensive strategies as the quarterback and Joe "Icy-Hot" Foster, the designated injured player for 2001. Foster sprained his shoulder in the third game, but continued to play in all five games. And finally, there is Jonathan "Flamethrower" Giangaspro, who blazed by hapless defenders on offense and engulfed receivers on defense.



Team En Fuego

## Thomas defeats Hernandez in the Captain's Cup Singles Racquetball Tournament final

The NAS Jax Athletics Department recently held a Captain's Cup singles racquetball tournament at the gymnasium complex. Eight individuals competed in the double elimination tournament.

Finishing up in third place was Lt. Ben Puig of CBU-410. In the finals, playing for RedCom SE was Mario Hernandez, who made it to the finals virtually untouched by recording defeats over Mitchell Thropp, Daniel Lane, and Ben Puig. His opponent from NavHosp was Lt. Douglas Thomas who had to work his way up through the loser's

bracket. Thomas defeated Edward Baldwin, Rodney Porto and Ben Puig to reach the finals. Thomas was victorious in the match, winning handily and picking up first place points for NavHosp, while Hernandez finished second. The match lasted two games with the scores 15-5 in the first game, and 15-10 in the second.

Congratulations to both competitors for a valiant effort in the tournament. Thomas and Hernandez qualified for the South Atlantic Regional Sports tournament in King's Bay and will be representing NAS Jax. *Good Luck!*

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personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The meeting will be held at the conference room in "The Zone" at 11:30 a.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

*For more information about any of the sports events, call Bill Bonser, Sports Coordinator or Mike Gorman, Athletic Director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at [dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil) or [dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil). Visit the MWR website at [www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr).*

## STANDINGS

### Greybeard Basketball League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
NAMTra	5	0
NCTS	3	2
VS-30	2	2
CPRW-11	2	3
2BN351	2	4
FACSFACS	1	4

### Intramural Basketball League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
AIMD	15	1
VP-30 O'S	13	2
Supply	11	5
TPU	10	5
Air Ops	10	6
VP-16	8	8
VS-30	5	2
VP-5	5	12
NavHosp	4	3
HS-15	1	6
HS-75	1	9
Blount Island	0	6
HS-5	0	14

### Player's Championship badges for sale at ITT

The Information Ticket and Travel Office has The Player's Championship badges for sale now.

Get them while they last;

Youth - \$11

Monday - Wednesday - \$21

Thursday only - \$41

Friday only - \$41

Saturday only - \$41

Sunday only - \$41

Weeklong - \$127.50

ITT is located by the Navy Exchange for more information call them at 542-3318 or stop in their office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.